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Pricey, powerful new digs

Nova Scotia Power customers to foot bill for \$60-million head office renos

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Nova Scotia Power will spend up to \$60 million renovating its waterfront property into a new energy-efficient head office by 2011.

Customers will foot the bill, but it will be cheaper in the long run, said Nova Scotia Power CEO Rob Bennett.

"The cost to customers will be less when compared to the amount we would pay in 2011 and beyond for renting corporate office space," Bennett said.

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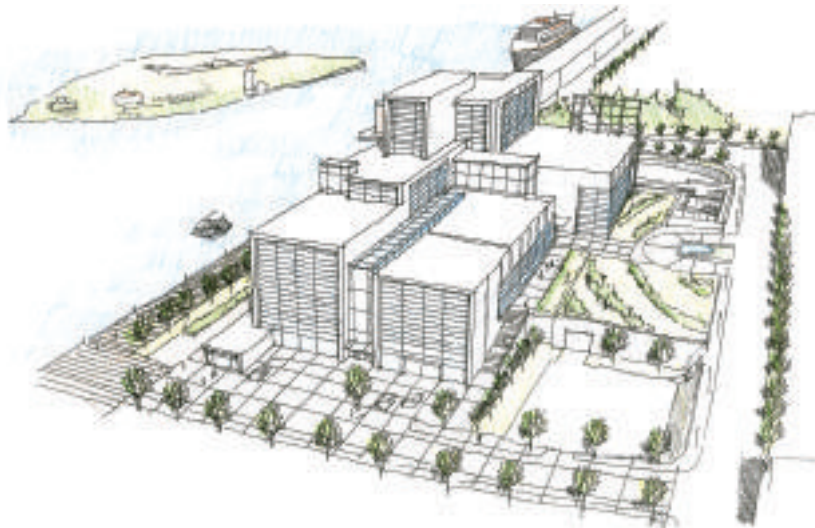
NSP CEO Rob Bennett

The utility's 20-year lease in Scotia Square expires in early 2011.

Bennett said the cost to customers will depend on the final price of renovating the former power plant, estimated between \$50 and \$60 million. "It will have an impact on rates that's less than the impact that all other alternatives would've had," Bennett said.

The price tag still has to be approved by the Utility and Review Board. It's not factored into NSP's recently proposed 12 per cent rate hike, which goes to a public hearing in September.

The new building will be big



An architectural drawing of the new, \$60-million Nova Scotia Power headquarters on Lower Water Street, opening in 2011.

enough for the utility and its parent company, Emera, which will rent space. Bennett said an additional 15,000 to 50,000 square feet will be rented to other companies, helping to defray costs.

The utility is aiming for the highest rating in environmental

design — LEED platinum. It will use harbour water for heating and cooling, and will include public space, a green roof and atriums.

The new building will be the same size and the concrete structure will remain, but will have a

glass exterior.

Site preparation is expected to begin in the fall. The utility's 500 employees will move in early 2011.

"I think this brings the mojo back (to the downtown)," said Bennett.

Price tag too much, critics say

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Nova Scotia Power was praised yesterday for its plan to create a green head office downtown. But some wonder if customers can really afford it.

City Hall, the Halifax Port Authority and the business community said the building will help revitalize the downtown.

Mark Wolf of Dalhousie Legal Aid is concerned about how it will affect the poor.

"With such a sexy issue as the environment, poverty is not a very good competitor," he said. "It is good to have that sort of building, but ... it's just passing on more of a burden to people who can't bear it."

Liberal deputy leader Diana Whalen said the price tag is startling.

"It is the right way for us to be going in the future, but Nova Scotia Power customers cannot afford that right now. We're facing a time of steeply increasing costs to heat our homes and this would be a terrible time to try and add that in."

Nova Scotia Power CEO Rob Bennett said the cost of renovating will end up saving customers millions, as opposed to continuing to rent or develop on new property.

Reno leaves alFresco filmFesto at a loss

NEW SPACE NEEDED. The alFresco filmFesto is looking for a new home for 2009-10.

Nova Scotia Power is renovating the old power plant to be its new head office. That means the popular outdoor film festival

will no longer be able to project movies on its concrete walls after this year.

"We're all hoping that we'll figure out a creative solution for how we'll continue to showcase movies on the Halifax water-

front," said Gregor Ash, Atlantic Film Festival executive director.

Ash said he needs a new space that can hold 1,500 to 2,000 people.

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There's a new boss

of Land Force Atlantic Area. Brigadier-General Dave Neasmith took over command from Brigadier-General Rick Parsons at a ceremony at the Royal Artillery Park in Halifax yesterday. There are 7,500 regular and reserve members in the LFAA throughout the Atlantic provinces. METRO HALIFAX

Man gets jail for child porn

Seaman found with more than 100,000 sexual images on his computer

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A 42-year-old Sackville man was sentenced to six months in jail and two years probation yesterday for accessing child pornography, but it's already cost him much more than that.

Darren John Landry pleaded guilty to accessing child pornography, after being caught with over 100,000 sexual images of children on his computer.

It all started when police in New Jersey raided the office of a Belarus-based business

that was selling on-line access to child porn.

US authorities informed the RCMP of several

Canadians, including Landry, who had sent money to the business. Police later raided his



Darren John Landry.

to be registered as sex offender

The terms of Landry's two years of probation include getting counselling with the province's sexual offender treatment program. He is not allowed to access the Internet except when approved by his parole officer for work or education reasons, or have any contact with children under the age of 14 unless under supervision. He will also be added to the national sex offender registry for ten years.

house and found the stash of "child erotica."

Landry's wife has since left him and he is expected to be discharged from the Royal Canadian Navy. This ends the master seaman's

17-year career in the armed forces.

"He's most definitely remorseful. He's lost his wife, his home, his career of 17 years. He's got to start all over again," said

Joel Pink, Landry's lawyer.

Pink said Landry told him he was happy he got caught because now he'll get the treatment he needs to correct his behaviour.

"This is a substantially tougher sentence than we were seeing two or three years ago," said Crown prosecutor Craig Botterill.

"Seeing someone go to jail at all is a big improvement over where we were... It used to be house arrest or if there was a jail sentence it was in the range of 45 days."

Roy Building under threat?

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ECL Development's 22-storey office building could have some company on Barrington Street.

ECL Developments showed off their design on Wednesday for a 22-storey office building at the end of Granville Mall next to Barrington Place.

And now the historic Roy Building, built in 1897, may be demolished to make room for a 239,000 square-foot office building with ground-floor retail space.

Louis Resnick said he was happy for ECL to take the spotlight for now, but he joked that his brick, stone and glass building is 'a lot prettier.'

Resnick wasn't forthcoming about the finer details of his 17-floor plus penthouse building on Barrington and Granville Streets.

"It's a work in progress," he said in a phone interview from Toronto yesterday.

He said he wanted to save the big announcement for the public hearing coming up on Wednesday.

But there's a long road ahead to get the project approved.

"It's not just as simple as going to the public and going to council," he said.

First there is the proposal, then comes meetings with HRM staff who set goals for the project, then there is input from the public.

"We're hopeful it will be well received and we hope to move it as quickly as possible," Resnick said.

They've received both positive and negative comments from the community. There are concerns about the loss of the Roy Building.

"There will be some challenges and we respect that, and we're going to work towards achieving a building that hopefully most people will be proud and happy to have."

Man suing Dome for bathroom slip

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INJURIES. A bad night at the Dome for most people usually involves waking up in an unfamiliar room next to someone whose name you think might be Jamie.

But Tyson Taylor's night out a year ago ended with an injury, and now he's suing the Dome nightclub over the cleanliness of their bathroom floors.

Taylor claims the floor in the men's bathroom in April 2007 was "wet with stagnant liquid spread across the entire surface" as well as being covered with pieces of broken glass, according to court documents filed at Nova Scotia Supreme Court.

Taylor claims he was out with friends when he slipped on the floor due to the dangerous conditions, suffering a fractured right ankle and a laceration on his right hand.

Now he's suing the Dome for damages for pain and suffering, loss of enjoyment of life, and loss of earning capacity, among other things.

The Dome has not yet filed a defence in court.

News in brief

CORRECTION. The name of Halifax-based band Mardeen's new CD is Read Less Minds. Incorrect information appeared in yesterday's issue of Metro Halifax. METRO HALIFAX

ATV community to pick up costs: Minister



Kenton Moore, sales manager at Freedom Cycle on Chain Lake Drive shows off the ATV trailer filled with some of the kid-sized ATVs purchased by the province for the youth safety training program. The government shut the program down last week saying taxpayer money shouldn't have been spent on the 66 all-terrain vehicles.

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There's still no word on exactly how the province will recoup the close to quarter-of-a-million dollars it spent on kiddie ATVs, but it won't be coming from the taxpayers.

The manufacturers of the machines, the distributors, the dealers and the ATV community will be paying for the 66 four-wheelers the province re-

"I think it is of benefit to them to make sure this program continues and is a success but not at the expense of the taxpayers."

Natural Resources Minister David Morse

cently purchased for a youth safety training program said Natural Resources Minister David Morse yesterday.

"I think it is of benefit to them to make sure this program continues and is a success but not at the expense of the taxpayers," he

said.

Morse has taken over the file from Health Promotion and Protection Minister Barry Bernet after Premier Rodney MacDonald reprimanded him for spending \$230,000 on the vehicles.

He directed Morse to recover the money that got

the program off the ground just a week earlier and the minister said he will go after the off-road-vehicle community.

Officials with the All Terrain Vehicle Association of Nova Scotia have said they don't have the money to buy out the machines from the province.

But the offroad vehicle advisory committee is working on ways to get the money back.

"I'm cautiously optimistic," Morse said.

Modest economic growth predicted

Nova Scotia's economy should grow by just two per cent this year and 2.4 per cent next year, says the Royal Bank of Canada. Delays in the Maple LNG project and the Keltic Petrochemical plant prompted the bank to slightly downgrade its growth projections. **METRO HALIFAX**

Grade 12 math numbers go up

Student average still close to failing mark

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Grade 12 students in Nova Scotia barely passed math this year. And that's actually good news.

The provincial average for Mathematics 12 was 51 per cent, and half of all students who wrote the provincial exam for the course failed it.

In 2006 and 2007, the average grade for Mathematics 12 was 39 per cent. Only about a quarter of those who wrote the provincial exam passed.

Liberal education critic Leo Glavine said the province's graduates used to be at least in the middle of the pack in math compared to the rest of the country, but that's changed.

"We have slipped," he said.

The province released overall grade averages and performance results from the provincial exam for Nova Scotia's graduates

advanced math average

Grade 12 students in advanced math had an average grade of 61 per cent in the course and 71 per cent of them passed the provincial exam, up from 64 per cent in 2007. Francophone students in the province improved in Mathématiques avancées, from 64 per cent in 2007 to 67 per cent in 2008.

yesterday, and Education Minister Karen Casey said she was pleased with the results.

"Obviously I'm feeling better than I felt this time last year when we released them; we've done a lot of things to try and improve those scores," she said.

But Glavine said he doesn't share the minister's satisfaction with this year's results.

He said three things need to happen for scores to improve.

Courses should be year-long rather than semester-long; there should be more focus on hiring teachers with strong mathematics backgrounds; and the money that goes into the grade 12, provincial "exit"

exam should go toward grade 9 math assessments to target student weaknesses early on.

Casey said the grades aren't where she'd like them to be, but the department's efforts toward improvement are translating into better scores.

She said the department will look into prerequisite courses that better prepare students for grade 12 math, additional professional development for math teachers and more focus on ensuring students are enrolled in appropriate courses.

"We have over 40 per cent who are still taking advanced math and it's designed for about 20 per cent of your population," she said.

Gymnasts Up in the air



Members of the Danish gymnastic group Talenthødet entertained a crowd in Grand Parade yesterday at noon. The troupe, featuring acrobats ages eight to 21, are performing as part of the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo.

Construction firm fined after injury

COURT. Tricell Construction has been sentenced to pay nearly \$42,000 in fines and safety improvements following an injury to one of its workers on a Mahone Bay jobsite. Judge Anne Crawford of Bridgewater Provincial Court found Tricell guilty of violating the provincial Occupational Health and Safety Act and fined the company \$10,000 and ordered it to act on a safety audit's recommendations that will cost \$30,200. Judge Crawford ruled that the company was lax with safety procedures when it left a second-floor stairwell opening unsecured and Peter Dunham fell through it to the concrete floor below.

Labour

Laid-off workers blockade plant

PROTEST. About 30 laid-off workers of the Federal Gypsum Co. blockaded the Point Tupper wallboard plant's gate yesterday. The workers haven't been paid since the end of May, and said they were determined to get something out of the company and its creditors.

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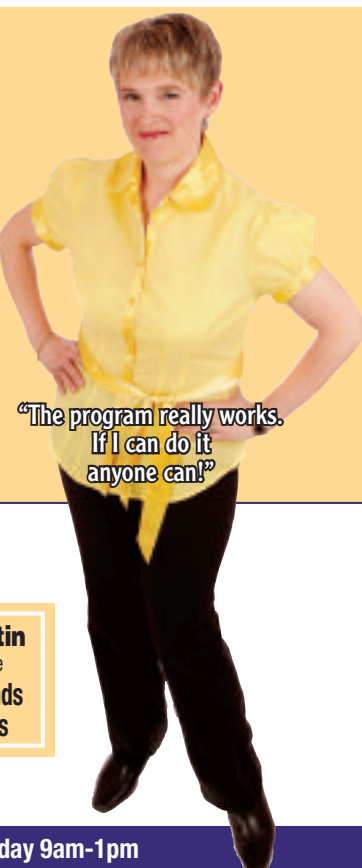
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Paul Palmeter is jumping into the hot seat. The veteran broadcast journalist and anchor with Global TV will become Premier Rodney MacDonald's new spokesman at the end of July. Palmeter has been with Global since 1989. **METRO HALIFAX**

Further Jazz Air layoffs possible

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If gas prices continue to rise, even more than 270 Jazz Air employees could

be out of a job.

"It's very possible that we'll see further reductions in the future," said Natalie Megann, spokeswoman for the Halifax-based company.

The regional carrier that flies for Air Canada announced yesterday the close to 300 jobs are across the board including pilots, flight attendants, management and

administrative staff.

Recent Air Canada cuts trickled down to the 4,900-employee company as a result of reduced flying time because of high fuel prices.

Chuck Chalmers, Teamsters Local 927 president, the union that represents flight attendants with Jazz in Halifax, said he wasn't surprised to hear about the impending lay-

"I think it all comes down to the fuel prices."

Chuck Chalmers

offs.

"I think it all comes down to the fuel prices," he said.

But he's concerned about how it will affect Jazz employees, saying they already made a number of concessions for the company in 2005 when it almost went bankrupt.

Chalmers said he's received no word as to how many employees in Halifax will be affected by the cuts, but union representatives will meet with the employer in mid-July to discuss mitigation plans that might reduce the impact on employees.

The company's preliminary schedule with the cuts will begin in November.



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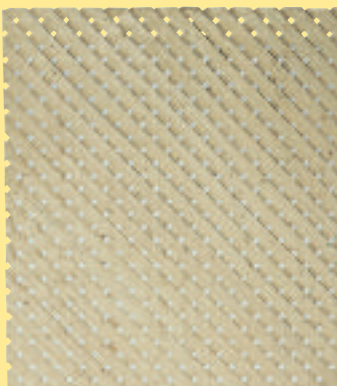
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Woman, 43, facing charges

WELLINGTON. A 43-year-old woman was charged after she allegedly pulled a knife when she tried to collect a debt.

Tammy Elizabeth Chrzaszcz allegedly went to a house in Wellington Wednesday night at around 10:45 to collect a debt. She took a utility knife and threatened one of the occupants and a dog, but the knife was knocked out of her hand by a baseball bat.

She allegedly took off when she was taken outside to a waiting car, but RCMP arrested her later.

She was taken to the QEII hospital and later charged with uttering threats, possessing a weapon, and extortion.

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Traffic stop yields charges for 2 men

BEDFORD. Two men are charged with possessing cocaine for the purpose of trafficking after a traffic stop in Bedford yesterday.

At around 4 p.m., police pulled over an Acura Integra on Rocky Lake Drive and allegedly found cocaine. Two men, a 20-year-old man from Bedford and a 19-year-old man from Hammonds Plains, were charged.

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Costly child support

A Nova Scotia man with \$1.1 million in annual income will have to pay \$97,500 a year in child support for his 13-year-old son. Yesterday, Nova Scotia Court of Appeal opted not to interfere with a ruling that the father pay \$8,125 a month. **METRO HALIFAX**

Giving thanks to heroes

Barbecue honours firefighters who helped battle massive forest fire

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They're a little uncomfortable to be called heroes, but it sure feels good to be thanked.

Over 500 people attended a thank-you barbecue for firefighters and everyone who helped battle the massive forest fire in the Porters Lake and Lake Echo area. The event was held at Cole Harbour Place, the same spot where some of the 5,000 evacuees

took shelter last month. "I don't know about (hero) it's just something that we do," said Joe Mannette, the chief of the Chezzetcook fire station.

The overwhelming appreciation really makes all the hard work worth it, he added.

"The people are so supportive and everywhere you go they're thanking you," he said.

"I wish it had never happened, but a lot of people pulled together at the same time and that makes all the difference."

Mark Saywood, a Department of Natural Resources incident commander, said his crew isn't used to all the attention.

"We really appreciate it and it just feels amazing for everyone," he said.

A lot of his co-workers told him they've gotten

hugs and handshakes whenever they go into stores and restaurants in the area.

Pearl MacKeigan was overcome with tears last night as she thought about how close she came to losing her house near Candy Mountain Road.

"We're just thankful for everyone and everything," she said.

Premier Rodney MacDonald and HRM Mayor Peter Kelly handed out certificates to several front-line responders.

"The fire was terrible but the support was uplifting. It made me proud to be a Nova Scotian."

Rodney MacDonald

MacDonald announced the Department of Natural Resources will be handing out 175,000 black spruce seedlings to the residents who lost trees to the fire.

After the speeches and a documentary video, everyone headed outside for burgers and hotdogs. Also outside was a very busy t-shirt vendor. John MacFie with the Lake Echo Lions club sold hundreds of neon green survivor, t-shirts last night.

"We're turning the money over to the Mineville Community Association and they're going to use it for fire relief related projects," he said.



Firefighters Donna and Joe Mannette fix up their hotdogs and hamburgers at a barbecue at Cole Harbour Place yesterday. Hundreds of people showed up to say thank you to all those involved in fighting the massive brush fire last month.

\$4M tabbed for ferry to Maine

YARMOUTH The province is investing over \$4 million in the ferry linking Yarmouth with Maine.

Economic Development Minister Jamie Muir told reporters yesterday that if the province didn't help, the service would die.

"A cash infusion was necessary," he said.

Fuel costs have nearly tripled and ridership is down by almost 50,000, he said.

The Cat ferry is operated by Bay Ferries which also operates the Digby to Saint John ferry which is also in trouble.

The province however, has yet to commit to any future funding plan for the Digby to Saint John service.

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gas-and-dash

No pre-payment for fuel: Premier

THEFTS Even after a gas-and-dash theft left a gas station clerk injured when the culprit ran over him this week, Premier Rodney MacDonald said he will not legislate pre-payment for fuel.

"Gas stations have the ability to do that themselves if they see fit," he said yesterday after cabinet.

The province will look at the issue further in the coming months, MacDonald said.

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Spryfield

Community leader to be honoured

CEREMONY Spryfield is planning on giving a big thanks to the late Rene Quigley who was instrumental in the construction of several community projects.

A ceremony is planned for tomorrow at 11 a.m. at the Spryfield Lions Club.

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transit

Free bus service starts tomorrow

DOWNTOWN Who says there's no free ride? FRED, the free downtown bus service, starts tomorrow, and will run seven days a week till Oct. 24. Buses run from 10:30 a.m., every 40 minutes until 5:03 p.m.

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Kids say Amherst needs to build a skate park

AMHERST. Bryson MacDonald doesn't consider himself a bad kid. Patrick Neufeld feels he's a responsible teen.

They like doing bicycle and skateboard tricks to pass the time.

That means they might as well be bank robbers, they say, because wherever they go, they are chased away by police and business owners.

"We just want to be kids," said MacDonald, looking over a makeshift series of ramps and obstacles.

"We just want a place where we can go to have some fun on our bikes and

"We just want a place where we can go to have some fun on our bikes and boards, but no one wants to help."

Bryson MacDonald

boards, but no one wants to help."

MacDonald would like to see a real skate park in Amherst.

Mayor Jerry Hallee said he's wanted to create a skate park for the last decade, but hasn't been able to make progress.

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School board members' appeal rejected by court

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The Nova Scotia Court of Appeal rejected the final attempts of former school board members to fight their firing by the Education Minister.

Last October the Supreme Court ruled minister Karen Casey was within her rights when she fired the entire Halifax Regional School Board for consistent bickering. Casey handed the operations of the board over to

bureaucrat Howard Windsor.

Six board members appealed the decision, but yesterday the Court of Appeal put an end to their legal fight.

"The Minister's decision was, at its core, not about sanctioning board members. Instead, it was about protecting a quality education for Halifax's school children. Placed in this context, it cannot be said that the Minister proceeded unfairly," reads the decision.

Deborah Brunt, one of

the board members who appealed the firing, says the Appeal Court's decision will help prevent things like this from happening in the future.

"I am so glad we appealed. Although the decision was not in our favour, it lays down a better framework for future boards that might find themselves in the same position," said Brunt.

She added there needs to be changes in legislation to prevent firings of entire boards over the actions of a few members.

Canada

400 years old and counting

Québec celebrates Champlain's arrival



Canadian dignitaries pose in front of the Samuel de Champlain statue after a ceremony celebrating the 400th year of foundation of Québec City yesterday.

The downpour that drenched Québec City as it celebrated its 400th birthday wasn't nearly enough to dampen the pomp and circumstance of the celebrations and, if anything, it added a tint of historical accuracy.

Régis Labeaume, the city's ebullient mayor, pointed out that accounts from 1608 refer to heavy rains the day Samuel de Champlain landed to set up Nouvelle France's first non-native settlement.

Fittingly, several hundred hardy souls donned slickers or raised umbrellas to take in the celebra-

"The seeds planted here 400 years ago today have blossomed into a magnificent city"

PM Stephen Harper

tions, the focal point being a tribute to Champlain from a raft of dignitaries that included Governor General Michaëlle Jean, Prime Minister Stephen Harper and French Prime Minister François Fillon, who also huddled under umbrellas.

"The seeds planted here 400 years ago today have blossomed into a magnifi-

cent city, a strong and proud Québécois nation, and a great Canadian country, strong and free. What an amazing legacy," Harper said.

The Prime Minister said the city's anniversary was important for all Canadians because Champlain's landing "really marks the beginning of what we have become today. Where I come from they say all Canadians must have two cities in his or her heart: their own and Québec City. Because it is the most beautiful city in Canada, the most enchanting — a city that radiates joie de vivre." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

News in brief

TORONTO 18. A police agent who is the Crown's star witness in a homegrown terror trial has pleaded guilty to threatening to chop off the legs of two 12-year-old girls. Mubin Shaikh, 32, was given a one-year conditional discharge yesterday. He is testifying at the "Toronto 18" trial.

TASER INQUIRY. The public inquiry of the death of a Polish immigrant who was hit by an RCMP Taser is going ahead even though the Crown has not made a decision on charges in the incident at Vancouver's airport. The judge appointed to the case said the inquiry will start Oct. 20.

POLITICS. A new opinion poll has the federal Conservatives and Liberals tied at 31 per cent support nationally, with Stephen Harper's Tories losing ground in Québec. The Harris-Decima poll suggested different ideal on climate change were hurting the Tories.

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A new strain of West Nile virus, a disease which infected an estimated 175,000 people last year, is spreading better and earlier across the United States, and may thrive in hot American summers, researchers said yesterday. **REUTERS**

World

"Staff members should dress tastefully, and not be too exposing."

A new rule imposed by China's Ministry of Public Security intended to clean up the country's entertainment venues.



China cracks down

China's government has told discos, karaoke bars and other entertainment venues to install windows in private rooms and ensure staff dress modestly from Oct. 1 as part of an effort to crack down on prostitution and drugs. **REUTERS**

Hostage rescue a boost for Uribe

Colombian president's popularity soaring amidst talk of possible third term in office

Despite a two-term limit, the popular politician may be mulling another election run, a possibility that has critics concerned about the state of the country's democracy.

Colombian President Alvaro Uribe was greeted

with cheers, folk dancers and banners clamouring for his re-election when he stepped off a helicopter for a community meeting in Colombia last month.

After Wednesday's spectacular rescue of FARC hostage Ingrid Betancourt and three Americans, the

Presidential muscle

Foes worry President Alvaro Uribe will use his popularity to muscle through a vote and bypass the country's institutions, which currently limit a president to two terms.

U.S. ally may have gained even more support to run for a third term if he

wants, with admirers saying he is the man to take on the Marxist rebels.

Already hugely popular because of his U.S.-backed crackdown on the FARC guerrillas, Uribe has been cagey about whether he is mulling seeking re-election. But the idea of a third term is worrying critics concerned about democracy and even some on Wall

Street, which has openly backed him.

Uribe recently pushed the idea of a vote on to the agenda by calling for a referendum on re-running his 2006 re-election after a court found the vote may have been tainted by corruption. **REUTERS**

Hurricane season's second storm forms

BERTHA. The second tropical storm of the 2008 Atlantic hurricane season formed yesterday, thousands of miles away from the United States and expected to eventually curve out northward over the open ocean, U.S. weather forecasters said.

Tropical Storm Bertha was about 190 miles off the coast of the Cape Verde islands at 12 p.m. and was moving toward the west-northwest at 14 mph, the Miami-based U.S. National

Hurricane Center said.

The storm's top winds had reached 40 mph, just over the threshold at which the scattering of thunderclouds that constitute tropical depressions are called tropical storms and given names, the hurricane center said in an advisory.

Energy markets pay considerable attention to tropical storms because of the potential for them to threaten oil installations in the Gulf of Mexico.

REUTERS

Hollywood Subprime protest



Actresses Paula Laborades, from left, Liz Laborades and Alicia Arden protest yesterday in front of a Bank of America branch office to save foreclosure victims and to promote their web video Subprime Slime in Hollywood as a passerby looks on at rear. The sign they hold signifies "Not Friends of Angelo", a reference to Countrywide CEO Angelo Mozilo.

News in brief

OLYMPICS. U.S. President George W. Bush will attend the Olympic opening ceremonies in China next month, the White House said yesterday.

ENGLAND. London Mayor Boris Johnson launched an investigation yesterday into allegations of sexual and finan-

cial misconduct against his deputy, Ray Lewis.

SPACE. Volcanic activity has played a central role in forging the surface of Mercury, scientists said yesterday based on data collected by a NASA spacecraft that zoomed past the planet in January. **REUTERS**



A man looks at the Pyramid of the Sun at the Teotihuacan archaeological site in the outskirts of Mexico City in February this year.

Archeologists explore cave beneath Mexican pyramid

MEXICO CITY. Archeologists are opening a cave sealed for more than 30 years deep beneath a Mexican pyramid to look for clues about the mysterious collapse of one of ancient civilization's largest cities.

The soaring Teotihuacan stone pyramids, now a major tourist site about an hour outside Mexico City, were discovered by the ancient Aztecs around 1500 AD, not long before the arrival of Spanish explorers to Mexico.

But little is known about the civilization that built the immense city, with its ceremonial architecture and geometric temples, and then torched and abandoned it around 700 AD.

Archeologists are now revisiting a cave system that is buried 20 feet (6 metres) beneath the towering Pyramid of the Sun and extends into a tunnel stretching for

"We want to find out why the Teotihuacan people sealed it and when."

Archeologist Alejandro Sarabia

some 295 feet (90 metres) with a height of 8 feet (2.4 metres).

They say new excavations begun this month could be the key to unlocking information about the sacred rituals of the people who inhabited the city, later dubbed "The Place Where Men Become Gods" by the Aztecs who believed it was a divine site.

"We think it had a ritual purpose. Offerings were placed at the very end of the tunnel as part of the pyramid's construction process," Mexican archeologist Alejandro Sarabia told

Reuters.

"We want to find out why the Teotihuacan people sealed it and when," he said. Sarabia said the tunnel was first discovered in the early 1970s but it was closed soon afterward, and most of the information about it was lost when the archeologist who found it died.

Teotihuacan is Mexico's oldest major archeological site and during its heyday in 500 AD, the city was home to some 200,000 people, rivaling the size of ancient Rome at that time, according to archeologists.

Today, it is surrounded by encroaching slums spilling over from the outskirts of Mexico City, but swarms of tourists still visit the giant 65-meter sun pyramid each year to celebrate the spring equinox festival marking the sun's return to the northern hemisphere.

REUTERS

Pakistani security nabs 5 militants

PAKISTAN. Pakistani security agents have arrested five militants who were plotting suicide attacks in revenge for an offensive against pro-Taliban militants, a security official said.

The suspects were seized with suicide-bomb jackets, explosives and weapons in a raid in the eastern city of Lahore on Tuesday night, a security official said, days after security forces launched a sweep in the northwestern region of Khyber.

'Extreme fire' burns near Big Sur

CALIFORNIA. A massive, out-of-control wildfire bearing down on the scenic coastal town of Big Sur was exhibiting "extreme fire behavior" that had authorities fearing for nearly 1,800 homes and businesses in its path and ordering residents to get out.

Whipped by high winds and burning through drought-ridden wilderness areas, the so-called Basin Complex Fire has burned across 64,305 acres of central California coastline since June 21.

Israel, Syria to continue talks

ISRAEL. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert called yesterday for quickly starting face-to-face negotiations with Syria after a third round of indirect peace talks mediated by Turkey ended with an agreement to meet again. The third round of talks between the long-time foes started in Istanbul on Tuesday. **REUTERS**

U.S. extends job loss streak

U.S. employers cut workers for a sixth straight month in June for the longest such streak since 2002 and the country's vast service sector unexpectedly contracted, underscoring the economy's frailty. **REUTERS**

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Tight market ends Penn buyout bid

TAKEOVER. Penn National Gaming Inc said yesterday its \$6.1 billion takeover pact had been terminated, marking the latest leveraged buyout to crumble amid tight credit markets and a weak U.S. economy.

Fortress Investment Group and Centerbridge Partners had agreed to buy the casino and race-track operator for \$67 a share last year, just before the leveraged buyout bubble collapsed.

Penn National shares have been under pressure for months on investors' concerns that the deal price might be slashed or the buyout firms would fail to get funding at affordable rates.

Under the termination agreement, Penn National would get \$1.475 billion, including a \$225 million break-up fee. **REUTERS**

CAW candidate faced pressure?

Hargrove's long-time aide speaks out

A candidate for one of the two top leadership posts with the Canadian Auto Workers union says she's received high-level pressure to support a so-called "team" that doesn't include her.

Carol Phillips, who wants to become the CAW's next national secretary-treasurer, confirmed yesterday that some assistants to retiring president Buzz Hargrove have told her who to endorse during the push for early decisions on the

plan slammed

Phillips, a special adviser to former Ontario premier Bob Rae, is the first senior CAW official to publicly criticize Hargrove's call for "special caucus" meetings next Tuesday to "discuss and endorse the future leadership team of our union."

two most powerful positions in Canada's biggest private-sector union.

"I was expected to endorse the team before we've had any discussion

or debate in the union," said Phillips, a long-time assistant to Hargrove and his predecessor Bob White.

"If you don't, you're portrayed as someone who doesn't play the game and is disloyal. This isn't any way to run a union."

Phillips revealed members of the union's national executive board also received instructions on who to support. She wouldn't identify the senior assistants and other officials who exerted pressure.

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Famous faces Through the ages



A woman touches a wax figure of U.S. actor Johnny Depp during a preview at the German Madame Tussauds in Berlin yesterday. The wax museum opens its doors to the public tomorrow in the German capital, presenting 75 wax likenesses of famous people through the ages.

News in brief

BANKING. Citigroup Inc. said yesterday it hired Marty Lippert, formerly of Royal Bank, as chief information officer, as the largest U.S. bank tries to turn itself around in part by fixing its computer systems. **REUTERS**

OILSANDS. Suncor Energy is unlikely to meet its 2008 production target for its Alberta oilsands operations, analysts said yesterday, and may be forced to revise the goal for a second time this year. **REUTERS**

GRAINS. Union officials yesterday were deciding how to respond to Viterra Inc. over a plan by Canada's largest grain handler to implement a contract offer that was already rejected by the workers. **REUTERS**



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THE DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

Submarine fleet refit:

The federal government has entered into an agreement with The Canadian Submarine Management Group, a conglomerate led by Weir Canada Inc., and based on the West Coast, to do a major refit of Canada's submarine fleet. The deal became public after Babcock International, the firm's partner in the UK, issued a press release saying it had secured the contract. In January, 2007, the government tentatively awarded the contract to The Canadian Submarine Management Group over the Halifax-based Irving shipyards; Irving subsequently took the feds to court, claiming unfair contracting processes.

Engineering firm bought:

SNC-Lavalin has bought C.J. MacLellan and Associates, an Antigonish engineering firm with 35 years in the business. The firm

and its 25 employees will become part of SNC-Lavalin's Nova Scotia General Engineering Group, which is headquartered in Halifax and employs over 100 people.

New aerospace venture:

Truro-based Bartlett Plastics and MIPNET, a French manufacturing company, have joined forces to take advantage of Nova Scotia's growing aerospace industry. The province announced on Wednesday a \$2.9-million loan and a \$1.6-million training incentive to Composite Sea to Sky. The new company will manufacture and export ventilation equipment for aerospace, defence and commercial industries. It's expected that up to 200 new jobs will be created over the next five years.

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Medals. Beijing organizers took possession of the 3,000 medals for next month's Olympics in a ceremony near Tiananmen Square yesterday. The organizers also took possession of the 3,000 medals for September's Paralympics. **REUTERS**

Beijing Games

Bush could attend Games opening

CEREMONY. President Bush could attend the opening ceremonies of the Olympics during his trip to China next month, and that decision is not dependent on talks between Beijing and representatives of the Dalai Lama, the White House said yesterday. The White House has previously steered clear of saying whether Bush would attend the opening ceremonies **REUTERS**

Turkish champ Mutlu withdraws

WEIGHTLIFTING. Turkish Olympic champion Halil Mutlu's aim of becoming the first weightlifter to win four gold medals ended yesterday when he announced his withdrawal from the Beijing Games, broadcaster CNN Turk reported.

The triple-gold medalist made the announcement after meeting with Turkey's sports minister. **REUTERS**

U.K. sprinter begins legal case

ATHLETICS. The British Olympic Association said it would vigorously defend any case brought by sprinter Dwain Chambers to outlaw the organization's policy of lifetime bans for drugs cheats.

Chambers began legal action yesterday to try to overturn the ban so that he can compete in the 100 metres in Beijing. **REUTERS**

Sports in brief

ATHLETICS. Former Olympic women's triple jump champion Tereza Marinova announced her retirement from athletics yesterday. **REUTERS**

ENTRY DENIED. A reporter for Hong Kong's populist Apple Daily newspaper, known for its critical editorial line on China, was denied entry into Beijing this week, the paper's chief editor said yesterday. **REUTERS**

Monday's lineup

UNDEFEATED. Calgarian paralympic athlete Earle Connor — the undefeated champion in the 100-metre dash — will compete in Beijing. Pick up Monday's Metro for more.

34 days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

Suit swamps records

Speedo LZR Racer credited as times fall on road to the Olympics

Alex Baumann can recall a time when it didn't take 15 minutes to squeeze into your swimsuit.

But there's little doubt in the 1984 double Olympic gold medalist's mind what he'd be wearing if he was getting ready for the 2008 Beijing Summer Games — the same Speedo LZR Racer model in which more than 40 world records have been broken since February.

"Certainly, I would be wearing it if I would be competing now," said Baumann, with a laugh.

He's not alone. Even swimmers who have lucrative deals with rival swimwear companies are switching allegiances.

Among the defections are Japanese star Kosuke Kitajima, who last month shattered the world record in the 200-metre breaststroke while wearing the LZR Racer on a trial basis. Needless to say, he's not switching back, having grudgingly gotten the go-ahead from the Japan Swimming Federation and Mizuno, his swimwear sponsor.

Nike also caved into pressure recently, giving permission to seven of its U.S. swimmers, including stars

Brendan Hansen and Aaron Peirsol, to use the LZR Racer at the U.S. Olympic trials.

"It's caught the world by surprise so much that we have to keep in mind it's about the swimmer," said Canadian Olympic team head coach Tom Johnson.

Speedo sponsors the Canadian team. They got their new suits after their Olympic trials in April, and have been wearing them in competition since, establishing personal bests, setting a

Amanda Beard models the Speedo LZR Racer during the February launch of the swimsuit in New York City.

MIKE STOB/GETTY IMAGES



Natalie Coughlin takes off for the final of the 100-metre backstroke during the U.S. Olympic trials on July 1. She set a new world record of 58.97.

handful of Canadian records, but not exactly setting the world on fire.

But then that's pretty much where Canada stood before the arrival of the LZR Racer, which will retail for about \$550.

"It still comes down to the fact you better be a well-prepared athlete or you don't have a hope in hell, suit or no suit," said Johnson.

There's been a lot of hyperbole, with Australian Libby Lenton saying the swimsuit made her feel like she was "swimming downhill" and U.S. superstar Michael Phelps stating he felt like a rocket.

Some critics have called it "technological doping," but Speedo had the suit approved by swimming's international governing body, FINA, and complied with their demands to make it available to everyone competing in Beijing.

There's also a lawsuit. Tyr Sport Inc., a competitor, is suing Speedo for allegedly violating antitrust laws, restraint of trade and false advertising. Tyr also filed suit against U.S. head coach Mark Schubert for allegedly disparaging Speedo's competitors after he said swimmers at the U.S. Olympic trials should wear Speedo "or they may end up at home watching on NBC."

Then there's just trying to get it on. It took

Phelps a half hour the first time he tried. Most swimmers can get it on in 10 to 15 minutes; the really experienced ones can even do it in five. They say the key is to be patient, no yanking and make sure your nails are well trimmed so you don't poke holes in it. It stretches with each wearing and usually lasts for four or five swims.

But for the most part, swimmers are enamoured of this suit made from high-density microfibre.

"The women love it," said Speedo executive Stu Isaac. "I tell them they're wearing a designer Italian fabric."

But Brent S. Rushall, a San Diego State University sports physiology professor and long-time critic of full-body suits, doesn't believe the LZR Racer is deserving of its hype. He notes in a paper he wrote on the subject that none of the NASA science or any science involved in the project has been made available in public or peer-reviewed forms.

"The claims made about the LZR Racer still contain exaggeration, speculative statements, and largely are unsupported by evidence," said Rushall. He attributes the string of impressive performances to Olympic Games stimulus, technique improvements, training improvements and psychology.

Isaac said there's no doubt the LZR Racer's been providing swimmers with a huge boost mentally. He recalls how when they first



A rear view of the Speedo LZR Racer, as modelled by swimmer Michael Phelps.

rolled the suit out in March, Kirsty Coventry of Zimbabwe broke the second oldest world record on the books in the women's 200-metre backstroke while wearing the LZR Racer for the first time. It snowballed from there.

"My degree's in sports psychology," said Isaac. "I know when that starts to happen, it's just a self-fulfilling prophecy. When they see some records, now they stand on the block and say, 'I know this is going to be faster.'"

Breaststroke specialist Mike Brown of Perth, Ont., a silver medalist at the 2005 worlds, is among the believers. He said he's taken two seconds off his personal best times for this time of year.

"Whether that suit will actually take two seconds off your personal best or whether it's a combination of you thinking that it will and the suit, it doesn't matter as long as that time comes off."

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Facts

Among the things Speedo executive Stu Isaac credits for the step forward in technology with the LZR Racer:

- Work done with NASA to reduce drag. Through wind tunnel testing and use of computational fluid dynamics — the latter software partially developed by a branch of ANSYS in Waterloo, Ont. — they found the key places to create compression in the suit and reduce drag.
- Where the seams used to be sewn and glued, they now laser cut the fabric and then ultrasonically fuse the fabric to create a seamless effect, meaning less drag. In testing, the fabric breaks before seams do.
- A corset-like stabilizer in the abdominal section helps hold the body in position, creating a physiological and biomechanical effect, aiding swimmers in keeping their form.
- The previous Speedo model, the Eastskin, got 50 per cent heavier from absorbing water in the pool; the LZR Racer only gets 6.5 per cent heavier.

Athletics Former U.S. sprinter Tim Montgomery, an Olympic gold medalist now banned from the sport, pleaded guilty yesterday to distributing heroin. Montgomery, already in jail for cheque fraud, faces at least five years in prison. **REUTERS**

NBA The Dallas Mavericks have reportedly come to terms on a deal with centre DeSagana Diop, traded away in the Jason Kidd deal last season, and with young swingman Gerald Green. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

"We made it. Congratulations, the NBA will be in Oklahoma City next season."

Owner Clay Bennett officially announced the relocation of the former Seattle SuperSonics franchise yesterday.



Fleury signs

The Pittsburgh Penguins signed former Cape Breton Screaming Eagles goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury to a seven-year contract extension yesterday worth a reported \$35 million US.

Roughriders in for wakeup call

Saskatchewan GM may regret making bold predictions

You'd think **Eric Tillman** would know better by now.

Tillman, after all, has been in CFL management for decades. You figured he'd know that one measly game doesn't exactly make a season.

And yet, after the Roughriders turned in a strong fourth quarter last week to defeat the Edmonton Eskimos 34-13, the Saskatchewan general manager shot off his mouth.

"To a man," Tillman bubbled, "our coaches and players believe we're going to be a better team (than last year)."

This, of course, is laughable, and I'm giggling accordingly. All the Riders did last season

was win the Grey Cup. All they did in the off-season was lose vital parts of their team, including coach **Kent Austin**, quarterback and CFL MVP **Kerry Joseph**, defensive stars **Fred Perry** and **Reggie Hunt** and ball-carrying threat **Corey Holmes**.

So the Riders win one game against a troubled team last week and Tillman decides to deride those of us who predicted his squad's demise.

"What a lot of supposed experts in the media didn't seem to realize," Tillman said, "is this is real football, not fantasy football."

I reckon Tillman will get a dose of reality tonight — in B.C., where the Lions should run

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roughshod over the not-so-Roughriders.

• **Jarrett Payton** is the son of NFL legend **Walter Payton**, and he led the Alouettes in rushing last season, but neither was enough to keep him around in Montreal.

The Al's have cut him. Their new running back is **Avon Cobourne**, who gained 107 yards last week in Montreal's triumph rout of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

For more CFL stuff, check out my weekly CFL Report, exclusively at www.metronews.ca.

• In baseball, the recent return of manager **Cito Gaston** hasn't made much difference to the Blue Jays, who continue to languish in the AL East cellar and prepare to be sellers before MLB's July 31 trade deadline.

Yahoo Sports columnist **Steve Henson** gives the Jays a midseason grade of C- and blasts them with this: "Too many knee-jerk decisions and off-hand comments from the front office. Too little wiggle room in a division where the one consolation the Jays

always could count on — being better than the Tampa Bay Rays — has deserted them."

The first-place Rays, meanwhile, are Henson's only A+ team.

"People keep thinking we'll fold," Jays general manager **Andrew Friedman** told me, "but we know we won't. We're for real."

And the Rays intend to be buyers, hoping to fortify their already strong pitching by acquiring the Cleveland Indians' **C.C. Sabathia**, the Seattle Mariners' **Erik Bedard**, the Oakland A's **Rich Harden** or maybe even the Blue Jays' **A.J. Burnett**.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Venus ready for sibling battle in Wimbledon final

TENNIS The Williams sisters may be best friends and each other's biggest fans but when they meet for a third time in a Wimbledon final tomorrow, champion Venus said it would be every woman for herself.

Venus strongly denied yesterday any notion that she and Serena, who have faced each 15 times competitively, decide in advance who should win.

When asked after her 6-1, 7-6 semi-final victory over Russian Elena Dementieva if there is any family discussion about the outcome of a match between the sisters, the

American said: "I find the question pretty offensive because I'm extremely professional in everything that I do on and off the court."

"I contribute my best in my sport, and I also have a ton of respect for myself and my family. So any mention of that is extremely disrespectful for who I am, what I stand for, and my family."

Only two-time champion Serena, a 6-2, 7-6 winner yesterday over Chinese wildcard Zheng Jie, stands between Venus and a fifth title.

REUTERS



Venus

First down Tiger-Cats roar past Argos



Hamilton Tiger-Cats' Tre Smith dives forward for a first down against the Argonauts last night in Toronto. The Ticats got two touchdowns from running back Jesse Lumsden, en route to a 32-13 victory.

Sports in brief

NHL The New York Rangers agreed to terms with unrestricted free agent forward Markus Naslund yesterday. TSN.ca reports former Vancouver Canucks captain has signed a two-year contract worth \$8 million. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

NHL The San Jose Sharks signed free agent defenceman Rob Blake to a one-year contract yesterday worth a reported \$5 million US. Blake had nine goals and 31 points in 71 games last season with Los Angeles. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

NHL The Toronto Maple Leafs acquired centre Mikhail Grabovski from the Montreal Canadiens yesterday in exchange for the rights to 2008 draft pick Greg Pateryn and a second-round pick in 2010. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Basketball The Premier Basketball League is hosting the first of several tryout combines on July 26 in Chicago. Halifax Rainmen co-owner Andre Levingston and coach Rick Lewis will attend the combine to scout for players. **METRO HALIFAX**

Balderson tourney underway today

SOCCER The Gunn Balderson memorial women's soccer tournament begins today in Wolfville. The tournament features 13 divisions with 150-plus teams and 3,200-plus athletes. The championship games will be held on Sunday. Gunn Balderson was an Acadia Axewomen soccer standout who won three national scoring titles. She died in a car accident in 1987.

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Sports in brief

HOCKEY Hammonds Plains natives Brad Marchand and Andrew Bodnarchuk are headed to the Boston Bruins' prospects development camp in Wilmington, Mass., from July 8 to 12. Both played for the Halifax Mooseheads last season and both are expected to play in the minor leagues next season in the first seasons of three-year entry-level contracts.

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HOCKEY Port Hood's Aaron MacInnis has signed as a player/assistant coach with the Central Hockey League's New Mexico Scorpions. MacInnis, a former Cape Breton Screaming Eagles defenceman and the nephew of NHL Hall of Famer Al MacInnis, had 10 goals among 42 points in 54 games last season.

METRO HALIFAX

Carquest race heating up

Turple, Smith keep things close in battle for stock car supremacy

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If Shawn Turple had his way, he'd win this year's Carquest Maritime Pro Stock Tour crown in a cakewalk.

Unfortunately for him, and anybody else with those aspirations, it appears destined to be a fierce battle, at least heading into tomorrow's Forbes Chev Olds 150 at Scotia Speedworld.

Turple, an Enfield native, sits second in the points standings behind leader Wayne Smith of Timberlea.

"Every one of us, ideally, we'd like to be able to pull out with a bit of a lead now," said Turple, who has won two of four races as the 11-event season schedule nears its mid-point.

"It'd make things easier the last couple of weeks, but that's probably not gonna happen the way everyone's running. But it's definitely better for the fans this way."

Smith, who is still looking for his first win of the season, has stayed atop the



Shawn Turple, above, sits just 16 points behind leader Wayne Smith in the Carquest points race.

tour with four solid finishes. He finished third last year, but would have been the clear winner had he not been dinged with a controversial disqualification.

As of now, Smith has a 16-point lead and is the biggest obstacle standing in the way of Turple's first Carquest title.

"At least he doesn't have

the big lead like he did last year — he's not showing us up every weekend, anyway," the 29-year-old Turple said with a laugh. "I'm sure we're going to be battling tooth and nail against him for the rest of the year."

Turple, in his fourth year on the tour, is also feeling pressure from behind — Shawn Tucker of Frederic-

ton, N.B., is just three points back, followed by Kent Vincent of Crapaud, P.E.I. and rookie Lonnie Sommerville of Saint John, N.B.

"It's a five- or seven-car race," Turple said. "They're a good bunch of drivers and they're all fun to race against. You don't mind trading a little bit of paint with them."

point leaders

The following are the Carquest Maritime Pro Stock Tour's point leaders after four of 11 races.

1. Wayne Smith	780
2. Shawn Turple	764
3. Shawn Tucker	761
4. Kent Vincent	755
5. Lonnie Sommerville	744
6. Chris Hughes	732
7. Greg Proude	728
8. Brad Mann	728
9. Jonathan Hicken	720
10. Dave O'Brien	718

This weekend marks the third race in as many weeks, followed by a one-week break before the IWK 250 at Riverside International Speedway in James River, Antigonish Co.

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"We've got to conserve the car for the last 50 laps," Turple said. "They're going to have a (half time) so if you can save your car, stay in the battle until then, and make some adjustments ... You could be in good position for the last half."



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Carter closing in on 5th amateur title

GOLF It seemed like only a matter of time before defending champion Leon Carter made his move to the top of the leaderboard.

The Dundee standout is tied for top spot with Sean Hurley of Hartlen Point at 5-under following the second day of action at the Nova Scotia Golf Association men's amateur championship at Langan Country Club in Sydney yesterday.

"The putter was a little shaky," said the 36-year-old Carter, a four-time champion who shot a 2-under par 70. "I hit some good putts early on and they never went in and it kind of played on my mind I guess and I made a few



Defending champion Leon Carter taps in for a par on the 14th hole yesterday at the Langan Golf and Country Club.

bad strokes. But I hit the ball great early on — the best I've hit it all year."

The best round of the day, however, belonged to Hurley. The Cole Harbour native had a strong front nine, carding birdies on No. 1, No. 4, No. 6 and posting an eagle on No. 9. He finished 5-under 67.

"You're always happy when you're close to the lead heading into the last couple of days," said the 22-year-old. "Leon's tied with me, so knowing how he plays under pressure, you have to come out firing for sure."

"I played well out there and played pretty solid. There weren't too many mistakes and I had a few putts drop."

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Here we go again

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Review **Kit Kittredge: refreshingly nonsexualized world**

Girls will love tale of plucky Kit

RICK MCGINNIS
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Kit Kittredge: An American Girl

Director: **Patricia Rozema**
Stars: **Abigail Breslin, Joan Cusack, Stanley Tucci**
Rating: **G**
Grade: **A**

Wholesome fare. It's hard to find fault with the line of dolls that inspired — and underwrote, to some degree — Patricia Rozema's *Kit Kittredge*.

The American Girl dolls have colonized a nice stretch of girlhood coinciding roughly with grade school with a gratefully non-sexualized world that aims to teach a generation of daughters about history, friendship, self-reliance and respect, a cohort of 18-inch tall figures holding back the bulwark against hordes of Bratz dolls.

Abigail Breslin plays Kit,

a sassy but essentially sweet-tempered young girl whose 1934 has gone from middle class to mid-Depression as her father loses his job and leaves Cleveland (ably played here by Toronto) for Chicago to look for work, and her mother is forced to take in boarders.

Chris O'Donnell seems a bit young for his role here as Kit's dad, but he's AWOL from the story for its vast middle stretch, so it isn't a real problem.

In any case, at least one parent needs to go missing if the protagonist in a children's story is going to get their shot at an adventure, and it arrives in the form of a house full of eccentric boarders (played by Joan Cusack, Stanley Tucci and Jane Krakowski), a pair of young hobos (Willow Smith and Max Thieriot) and a string of robberies the authorities blame on the homeless and jobless filling the hobo jungles on



Abigail Breslin, centre, stars as a Depression-era girl who helps solve a mystery that saves her family home. Madison Davenport, left, and Brieanne Jansen also star.

the edge of town. It takes too long for the story to really kick in, and as a result it never gets up a good head of steam, but that

might not be a minus for the movie's intended audiences: the little girls between five and 12 who are thrilled for the chance to

see a world come to life that they've only imagined in hours of play and in the bestselling AG books. The scene-setting, not the

thriller, is the heart of the experience for them, and because of this, all critical caveats are qualified into meaningfulness.

movie morsels

WALL-E

ⓂⓂⓂⓂ In the absence of his creators, who are cruising the universe, Wall-E, the big-eyed trash-compacting robot is left to dig mankind out of its own mess on an earth. He has developed a lovelorn little soul, until Eve arrives. Eve is a sleek, iPod-like creature looking for signs of plant life that means Earth is becoming

habitable again. When she's taken to the mothership after finding the seedling Wall-E's been tending, he hitchhikes along for the ride. It's sweet, but not cloying.

RICK MCGINNIS/METRO CANADA

HANCOCK

ⓂⓂⓂⓂ Comic book aficionados will instantly spot the patchwork of some of the genre's classically corrupt-

ible characters that make up Will Smith's flawed protagonist: Hancock drinks like Tony Stark, causes mayhem like Bruce Banner's better half (and I don't mean Betty Ross), and like X-Man, is a nearly indestructible, ill-tempered boor who can't remember his past. And, like all three, he has his heart in the right place when it comes to saving the world — he

just has to overcome his inner demons.

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GET SMART

ⓂⓂⓂⓂ Steve Carell takes over the role made famous by Don Adams in the original TV series — Maxwell Smart, the bumbling but cocksure secret agent who succeeds in spite of his best efforts. Anne Hathaway does a fine

job with Agent 99, played by Barbara Feldon in the TV series, ably matching Feldon's innate sexiness; the only real flaw in Hathaway's portrayal is her inability to evoke the fetchingly neurotic quality Feldon brought to the role.

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WANTED

ⓂⓂⓂⓂ James McAvoy (*Atonement*)

plays a loser who is swept away to a secret fraternity and becomes a super-skilled assassin. Russian director Timur Bekmambetov (*Nightwatch*) makes an impressive Hollywood debut giving the film a quirky self-assuredness, incredibly impressive visuals and a great cast that also includes Angelina Jolie and Morgan Freeman.

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Reel Times

Advance raves **Mamma Mia! Streep performance Oscar-worthy?**

Money, money, money: Film hits jackpot

Summer fun. No matter how many blockbusters there are, Universal's screen version of the global hit stage musical *Mamma Mia!* is the most fun to be had at the movies this or any other recent summer.

Teenage boys may be glued to the latest action adventure, but the rest of the family will have a rollicking good time dancing in the aisles to Swedish pop group AB-BA's irresistible songs.

It's a delightful piece of filmmaking with a marvelous cast topped by Meryl Streep in one of her smartest and most entertaining performances.

After its world premiere in London on Monday, the film opens in the U.K. on July 4 and in North America on July 18.

It will surely follow the stage show around the world in pleasing audiences and raking in what one of the infectious songs celebrates: Money, Money, Money.

Hanging a tale of a woman whose daughter might have been fathered by one of three attractive men on a bunch of

ABBA songs sounds simple, but its simplicity is as deceptive as the masterfully crafted songs themselves.

Streep plays Donna, a former singer who has raised daughter Sophie (Amanda Seyfried) alone at a fading resort on a remote Greek island. Sophie finds her mother's diary from 20 years earlier and discovers that there are three men who might be her father.

About to be married to boyfriend Sky (Dominic Cooper), she sends invitations to the celebration to all three on behalf of her mother but without telling her.

Pierce Brosnan, Colin Firth and Stellan Skarsgard, as the possible dads, show up on the island where Donna is readying the wedding, helped by her two best pals (Julie Walters and Christine Baranski).

Streep is sensationally good in rendering the whole yarn credible and in performing dramatically moving songs such as *Slipping Through My Fingers*, sung to her departing daughter.



Pierce Brosnan plays one of the men who may have fathered the daughter of Meryl Streep's character in the upcoming movie adaptation of the classic stage production, *Mamma Mia!*

ter, and *The Winner Takes It All*, to a lost love, among others. It's no stretch to think of her performance in Oscar terms, ranking with such previous musical winners as Liza Minnelli, Barbra Streisand and Catherine Zeta-Jones.

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Spielberg in \$1.5-billion talks with Indian firm

DREAMWORKS. Representatives of Steven Spielberg and the Indian conglomerate Reliance are talking daily about terms of a \$1.5-billion proposal that would allow the DreamWorks principal and his partners to produce more than 30 films over the next five years at a new independent studio.

Reliance executives are expected to hold sit-down talks with Spielberg reps soon in New York or Los Angeles, though things are going so well they might hold off flying in until a meeting to close the deal later this summer. The business plan being discussed would see Spielberg and top DreamWorks executives create a new company financed with about \$550 million in equity funding by Reliance, a senior debt facility and possible additional equity from whichever studio is chosen as a theatrical distributor.

"Things are going well, and God willing we'll get there," said Schuyler Moore, a Strook & Strook & Lavan attorney representing Reliance in the DreamWorks talks.

Those expressing interest in distributing the new



Steven Spielberg's new independent studio would produce more than 30 films over the next five years.

company's films include Universal, Fox, Disney and Paramount.

DreamWorks was acquired by Viacom Inc's Paramount Pictures for \$1.6 billion in 2006, and promptly became responsible for such hits as *Dreamgirls*, *Disturbia* and *Transformers*, the latter a co-production with Paramount.

Paramount will distribute all DreamWorks-branded films at least through year's end, when contract

provisions allow Spielberg to opt out of his Paramount deal and take DreamWorks chairman David Geffen, DreamWorks president Stacey Snider and the DreamWorks name with him.

The name actually is controlled by the separate public company DreamWorks Animation, but it's assumed Spielberg would be granted the right to use the name at whatever new company he sets up.

Spielberg still could decide simply to strike a new distribution arrangement with one of the suitor studios and forgo setting up a whole new company. But sources suggest that the iconic hyphenate sorely wants to own the movies he produces and is likely to seal a deal with Reliance by summer's end.

Reliance is the only prospective equity partner for Spielberg currently in advanced talks with his reps.

Terms of its proposed financing arrangement still could get tweaked substantially, but principals of the diversified conglomerate appear committed to working out a final deal with Spielberg. **REUTERS**

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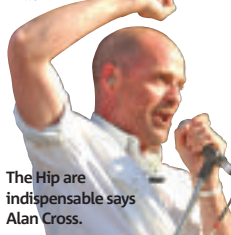


When I saw the Entertainment Weekly cover story called "The New Classics: The 1000 Best Movies, Albums Books & More of the Last 25 Years," I flipped to their list of albums and immediately became a little nauseous.

Beyoncé's Dangerously In Love at 19 while the Beastie Boys' Paul's Boutique only managed 43? The Joshua Tree at 63, a full 54 positions behind Amy Winehouse? Nirvana's Unplugged (11) album ahead of Nevermind, which didn't even make the top 100? Heck, even the Widow Cobain's Live Through This squeaked in at 99.

I realize that lists such as these are designed to make people mad. It gets people talking about your magazine during that double-issue drought around July 4. But I can't help but take the bait. Here then, are what I believe to be the ten most indispensable rock albums released since 1983 that EW didn't feel worthy for their list.

• Licensed to Ill/Beastie Boys (1986): Frat-



The Hip are indispensable says Alan Cross.

boy humour that resulted in the first ever No. 1 rap album. The sounds of suburbs haven't been the same since.

• The Stone Roses/ The Stone Roses (1989): After the Smiths' The Queen is Dead (73), quite possibly the most important British album of the decade.

• Violator/Depeche Mode (1990): The surprise North American success of their seventh studio album hinted at the alternative revolution that was to follow a year later.

• Nevermind/ Nirvana (1991): A no-brainer. The album that ushered in the alternative nation.

Mainstream rock hasn't been the same since.

• Bloodsugarsexmagik/ Red Hot Chili Peppers (1991): The combination of producer Rick Rubin and new guitarist John Frusciante kick new life into some old grooves.

• Ten/ Pearl Jam (1991): Sure, they've distanced themselves from the arena rock sound of their first album, but it's still their best.

• Automatic for the People/ REM (1992): Five singles and one of the most brilliant videos ever ("Everybody Hurts"), it represents REM at their peak.

• Rage Against the Machine/ Rage Against the Machine (1992): Probably more important today than it was when it was released.

• Fully Completely/ Tragically Hip (1993): Okay, so EW wouldn't have bothered with anything Canadian outside of Alanis Morissette, Neil Young and the Arcade Fire. But do you know any self-respecting Canadian who doesn't own this record?

• Definitely Maybe/ Oasis (1995): Snotty and full of ambitious arrogance, their first album kicked off the Britpop era.

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Clearing Crystal Castles

ROB MCMAHON
for Metro Canada

Record-store riots, after-parties shut down by police helicopters and copyright woes are just some of the incidents surrounding Crystal Castles.

But given the group's non-committal public persona, all this drama seems to just enhance their mystique.

Reached by e-mail, producer Ethan Kath (or not, given that friends have conducted interviews on his behalf) explained the band's position in a recent controversy over plagiarism from the Chiptune community, an online group of not-for-profit music producers who create and share songs created from samples of old video game tunes.

Last month Crystal Castles was accused of sampling a song by Belgian producer Lo-bat without securing proper copyright. Kath claims that in 2004, all of Crystal Castles' tracks were based on samples from artists like Madonna, Joy Di-



Crystal Castles scored a No. 1 hot on the Canadian Campus radio airplay chart with their self-titled album.

vision, and Chiptune, but by 2005 they were using their own sounds.

"(The songs in question) are the earliest, most obscure, never performed, worst songs by CC," writes Kath. "Lo-bat... has contacted the band's management to apologize for the controversy saying he thinks it's

ridiculous, this has nothing to do with him, it's clear that the band has never profited from these samples. These ancient songs have nothing to do with the band's current success."

Driving that success — which is presently in buzz mode — is the duo's album itself. One way to view their

no nostalgia

Any sadness in Crystal Castles music should not be mistaken for nostalgia, says their producer Ethan Kath. "We care not for nostalgia," he writes. "If we are making anyone feel nostalgic we will change our sound."

snarling electro punk is through contrasts. More overtly aggressive, chaotic tracks like Alice Practice can be interpreted as balancing comparatively mellow, rhythmic ones like Untrust Us. While the songs on the album are placed in chronological order, the compositions themselves seem to cover a pretty wide range of emotional dynamics — though Kath disagrees.

"This is all subjective. You hear contrasts. I hear the same hostility in every song," he writes. "Alice Practice I hear an early experiment which switches back and forth between melody and grating noise... (In Untrust Us) I simply hear sadness and agitation."

Amos Lee
Album: **Last Days at the Lodge**
Label: **Bluenote/Capitol/EMI**
Release date: **06/24/08**
Grade: **★★★★**



THIS SINGER-SONGWRITER has an extraordinary ability to merge soul with hard-scrabble folk-blues, the sounds of Marvin Gaye and Al Green with those of Bob Dylan and Ben Harper. Produced impeccably by Don Was with some great musicians helping out like Neil Young keyboardist Spooner Oldham and Eric Clapton's Doyle Bramhall Jr. I love this guy. **GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM**

Ron Sexsmith
Album: **Exit Strategy of the Soul**
Label: **Warner**
Release date: **07/01/08**
Grade: **★★★★**

UNDERSTATED AND WINSOME best sum up this Canadian songster's strengths. He's won over fans in, among others, Coldplay's Chris Martin and Feist — the latter co-wrote Brandy Alexander with Sexsmith and got first dibs to record it for last year's The Reminder. Sexsmith's take on the song exudes soulful charm; the remainder of this outing delivers hope, sadness and spiritualized comfort, nicely enveloped by tender piano and '70s

throwback horns from a Cuban duo.

IAN NATHANSON

Steve Poltz
Album: **Traveling**
Label: **98 Pounder/Third Tigers/RED**
Release date: **07/08/08**
Grade: **★★★★**



YOU CAN SIT back and enjoy the melody and the music or listen a little bit harder to the lyrics and find yourself laughing out loud. Poltz, a Nova Scotian resettled in San Diego, is a remarkably gifted songwriter who knows better than to second guess himself. This CD is for friends of The Padres, The Beatles' Rain, Ghandi, The

Rugburns, fat Elvis, Mojo Nixon, runny noses, Liberace, Austin, Tex., and the Adriatic Sea.

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CHECK OUT OUR BRAND NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART INDOOR SHOWROOM!



Pop star Madonna's brother has landed a job as supermodel-turned-reality TV queen Janice Dickinson's interior designer. Dickinson, left, has commissioned Christopher Ciccone to design quarters for her U.S. TV series The Janice Dickinson Modeling Agency. **IMDb.COM**

TV

Life gets a bit more crowded on Mars

MARS NEEDS ACTORS: The dispiriting saga that is ABC's Americanization of Life On Mars continues with a story this week on some further changes to the cast of a show whose pilot was already finished and leaked on to the Internet last month. Along with the usual recap of what's happened so far — David E. Kelley buys rights, makes show, walks away, new showrunners added, location changed, future iffy — Variety announced that no less than Michael Imperioli has been added to the cast, as a "not-so-politically correct tough-guy colleague" to Jason O'Mara's modern cop knocked back to the '70s after being hit with a car. The casting of Imperioli suggests that the producers are hairy to ratchet up the star power after moving the show's setting from L.A. to New York, and that tweaks on the order of major renovations will probably be in progress all summer long. In any case, you can smell the

Intellevison



flopsweat coming off this show a mile away.

WAY FROM NUMBERS: If you're exposed to marketing people for any length of time, you'll inevitably hear the mantra "18-49" intoned over and over. It's the most desirable age bracket you can hope to find defining your customers; it's also a laughably broad one — it encompasses everyone from university freshmen to newlyweds to parents to empty-nesters — though it can get further parsed down by gender

and ever more specific age brackets. Still, the magic demographic is eternally invoked as the sweet spot, based on the assumption that it spans the largest period of earning potential in an adult life.

Which is why there will be a great wailing at the networks when the implications of a new study are absorbed into the collective executive grey matter. According to a Varsity story, a new study has revealed that the average age of viewers at the networks is now 50.

This is around the time when marketing types will realize that baby boomers are the pig passing through this particular python, and we might expect a shift on desirable demographics. In which case, expect incontinence wear to get the Nike treatment, and prime time to fill up with cougars and randy grandpas.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Nicole Richie 'fantastic' guest starring on Chuck

CELLPHONE New mom Nicole Richie is already working on a new role — guest starring on Chuck, which began filming last Monday, *People.com* reports.

"It was fantastic," a source said about Richie, 26, being on the show's set. "She was friendly. Everybody loved her."

Nicole plays Heather Chandler, an old high school nemesis who made fun of Sarah, played by Yvonne Strahovski. "She has a great fight scene," the source said. Between takes and training for their fight scene, they were "giving each other high-fives."

Taking a page from fellow starlet Britney Spears,

"She was friendly. Everybody loved her."

Source on Nicole Richie's on-set presence

Richie is shooting until next week to finish an episode that will air in mid-October.

And she even had her number one fan to cheer her on. Baby Harlow, dressed in a light blue dress and white sun hat, stopped by yesterday.

"She was very excited," adds the source.

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Entertainment in brief

SIMPSONS. Does Denis Leary need to be rescued from Bart Simpson? The Rescue Me star will play himself in the Oct. 5 episode of *The Simpsons*, losing his cool at and throwing his cellphone in anger. When

Bart finds the phone, he uses it to make prank calls — and even winds up accepting a role for Leary in Brian Grazer's big-screen adaptation of *Everybody Poops* (yes, Grazer also guests). **EW.COM**

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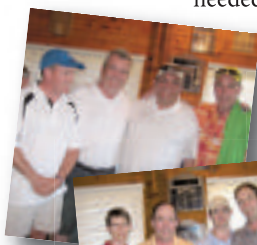
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The Paper House | Chandler | Van Houtte Medicine In Motion | Burnside Truck Centre

Mario Lopez won't strip for Playgirl

Actor Mario Lopez has turned down a \$200,000 US offer to pose naked for Playgirl magazine. Bosses for the publication approached him with the cash deal recently after they saw a series of photographs of his buff body in U.S. tabloids. **IMDB.COM**

Hogans know best?

Estranged wife files claim saying Hulk is stalking her

Linda Hogan says she is afraid of being attacked by her estranged husband Hulk Hogan and has asked a court to keep him away from her, People.com reports.

According to court documents filed on June 30, Linda Hogan, 48, claims Hulk Hogan "relentlessly and methodically" follows her, "causing her anxiety and fear for her safety at all times."

The documents allege the 54-year-old Hulk (real name Terry Bollea) "has a history of violence" towards Linda, "and is capable of attacking [her] at any time," People.com reports.

However, Hulk's lawyer, David Houston, dismissed Linda's allegations, calling them "pure fantasy, in line with her recent 911 call."



Linda Hogan



Hulk Hogan

more trouble

Wrestler Hulk Hogan's son, 17-year-old Nick, is serving eight months in jail for reckless driving after an accident that seriously injured family friend John Graziano.

In the widely reported May 22 call, Houston alleged Linda claimed Hulk was stalking her, which Hulk has denied.

"Since November, Terry Bollea has been in Los Angeles working. The limited time that he has spent in Florida has been solely to visit his son and daughter. In addition, he has no history of violence," the lawyer said in a statement.

The request for the court order are the latest salvo in the acrimonious split between the Hogans.

When Linda filed for divorce in November, Hulk learned of the filing from a reporter. The couple has also wrangled over assets and traded barbs.

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Tori Spelling's return to 90210 may be delayed

PILOT. Actress Tori Spelling says she wants to reprise her role as Donna Martin in The CW's 90210 spinoff but may not appear in the pilot, according to People.com.

There has been active speculation, when the spinoff was announced months ago, whether any of the alums from the original series would appear.

"I'm looking forward to returning to 90210 in a later episode, but I just had my baby ... So right now I have to focus on recuperating," the 35-year-old Spelling, 35, told People.

The original series aired from 1990 to 2000.

The new series, which follows the Wilson family's move from Kansas to Beverly Hills, started shooting recently.

Returning are Jennie



Tori Spelling

Garth, 36, who played Kelly Taylor, and Shannen Doherty, 37, who sources say is in talks to make an appearance.

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Network wants more Kath & Kim episodes

LOS ANGELES. NBC has ordered seven more episodes of Kath & Kim, bringing the total order for the new series to 13 half-hours.

The pickup comes shortly after the mother-daughter comedy starring actresses Molly Shannon and Selma Blair shot the first episode of its six-episode order.

The show is scheduled to go back into production next month on the remaining segments.

Kath & Kim, based on the hit Australian series,

premiere

The Australian series Kath & Kim is slated to premiere on NBC on October 9, in the plum Thursday 9:30 p.m. slot following The Office.

focuses on the dysfunctional relationship between Kath (Shannon), a cheerful, 40-something divorcee, and her self-absorbed daughter, Kim (Blair).

REUTERS

FRIDAY

	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
31	31	31	ABC	News (N)	ABC Wild News	Inside Edition	Chronicle	Dance Machine (N)		Duel (N)		2020
7	7	7	ASN	Twice in a Lifetime		Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Dance Machine (N)		Duel (N)		Jeff Ltd.
11	11	11	CBC	Coronation St.	Laughs	Air Force Live	Comedy Fest	MVP-Lives of Hockey Wives		CBC News: The National		Stampede
32	32	32	CBS	News (N)	Evening News	4th of July Preshow Concert		4th of July Concert				Fireworks
6	6	6	CHIF	Entertainment	ET Canada	Very Bad Men		Friday Night Lights		NUMB3RS "Take Out"		News (N)
9	9	9	CJCH	eTalk	Jeopardy! (N)	Greek (N)		Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)		Without a Trace (N)		News (N)
36	36	36	FOX	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	TwoHalf Men	TwoHalf Men	Daddy Day Care ** (2003, Comedy)		Eddie Murphy		Fox First
12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Hollywood	Extra (N)	U.S. Olympic Trials Swimming		4th of July Fireworks		Dateline NBC
55	55	55	SCOR	Drive This	Game On	Poker Pacific Poker UK Open		WWE SmackDown!				Q back Chall
53	53	53	TSN	Off the Record	SportsCentre	CFL Football Winnipeg Blue Bombers at Montreal Alouettes (HDTV) (Live)						CFL Football
16	16	16	A&E	Psychic Kids: Paranormal		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Free Fall"		CSI: Miami "Dead Air"		CSI: Miami
70	70	70	APTN	First Talk	News	Rez Rides	renegadePress	Tears	Chiefs-Champ	Disclosure *** (1994, Suspense)		
37	37	37	BRVO	Street Legal		Rhythm-Roots	Bravo! Fact	Mambo Italiano ** (2003, Comedy)		Luke Kirby		Divas
49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Air Force	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	Good Morning	The Simpsons	South Park	Extras
18	18	18	CNN	(5) The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Election Center		Larry King Live (N)		Cooper 360
38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Daily Planet		Greensburg "The Tornado" (N)		Man vs. Wild		Pharaoh's City
34	34	34	HGTV	Holmes on Homes		House Hunters	Property Virgin	House Hunters	House Hunters	Green Homes	Extreme Home	Relocation
46	46	46	HIST	Disaster-Cent.	Masterminds	NCIS "Doppelganger"		Crime Stories		Wolf Creek ** (2005, Horror)		
17	17	17	MM	Punk'd	Instant Star	Live at Much		Video on Trial	Gone Wild	Taxi ** (2004, Comedy) Queen Latifah		
206	206	206	PIX	(6:35) Last Man Standing ** (1996)			(8:20) Mazes and Monsters (1982)			Bad Boys *** (1995, Action)		
39	39	39	SHOW	Trailer Park	Billable Hours	ReGenesis "The Trials"		Cold Squad		Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams
40	40	40	SLICE	Three Takes		Women on Top	Til Debt-Part	Wedding SOS	The List	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Birth Days (N)
21	21	21	TLC	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear "Joy"		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not-Wear
22	22	22	W	Shopping Bags	House	Will & Grace	Friends	Mediums	Mediums	Fatal Attraction *** (1987, Suspense)		
27	27	27	YTV	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Storm Hawks	Storm Hawks	Naruto	Naruto	Zatch Bell	Bleach	Death Note

SATURDAY

	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
31	31	31	ABC	News (N)	World News Sat	Law & Order: SVU		Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen ** (2004, Comedy)				El Stone
7	7	7	ASN	Corner Gas	Corner Gas	W-FIVE (DVS)		Stargate SG-1				The Collector
11	11	11	CBC	Sat. Report	Marketplace	The Nature of Things (N)		Countdown to	City Chase	MLB Baseball: Blue Jays at Angels		
32	32	32	CBS	News (N)	CBS News	Entertainment Tonight		The Unit "Two Coins"		48 Hours Mystery		48 Hr. Mystery
6	6	6	CHIF	Andromeda		Largo Winch		Andromeda		renegadePress	renegadePress	News (N)
9	9	9	CJCH	W-FIVE (DVS)		A Friend of the Family (2005, Suspense) Kim Coates				Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	News (N)
36	36	36	FOX	MLB Baseball		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cops	Cops	America's Most Wanted		Fox First
12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Access Hollywood (N)		U.S. Olympic Trials Swimming		Law & Order (HDTV)		Law Order: CI
55	55	55	SCOR	Score Update		BodogFight		Hardcore Champ. Fight		Score Update	Cabby Unlimit	Can Poker
53	53	53	TSN	SportsCentre		NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup - Coke Zero 400 (HDTV) (Live)						
16	16	16	A&E	The Last Boy Scout *** (1991, Action) Bruce Willis		Die Hard *** (1988, Action) (HDTV) Bruce Willis, Alan Rickman						
70	70	70	APTN	Music Speaks		Rez Bluez "Blunty & Western"		Guides	Fish Out of	From the Spirit	Storytellers	Geographic
37	37	37	BRVO	Arts & Minds	Bravo!Videos	Live at the Rehearsal Hall		Joe Armando Generation		Jackie Richardson		Kent Nagano
49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Just for Laughs		Corner Gas	Blue Collar TV	The Simpsons	South Park	Mike Birbiglia
18	18	18	CNN	This Week in Politics		Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom
38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Naked Science (N)		Dirty Jobs		Deadliest Catch		Criss Angel
34	34	34	HGTV	Holmes on Homes		Colin & Justin's Home Heist		Flipping Out		Holmes on Homes		Extreme-Home
46	46	46	HIST	Movie Stories		NCIS "The Curse"		Real Chainsaw Massacre		The Texas Chainsaw Massacre (2003)		
17	17	17	MM	Dance Crew	Video on Trial	Taxi ** (2004, Comedy) Queen Latifah, Jimmy Fallon		So You Think You Can Dance		So You Think You Can Dance		
206	206	206	PIX	Star Trek V	Clear and Present Danger *** (1994, Suspense) Harrison Ford			Hard Target ** (1993, Action)				
39	39	39	SHOW	Devil's Diary (2007, Suspense) Deanna Casaluce		Making Mr. Right (2008, Romance-Comedy) Dean Cain						Kenny-Spenny
40	40	40	SLICE	Matchmaker	Bulging Brides	Party Mamas	The List	Shear Genius		Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Matchmaker
21	21	21	TLC	Moving Up (HDTV)		Family Flip (HDTV)		Flip House	Flip House	Holmes on Homes (HDTV)		Moving Up
22	22	22	W	Designer Move	House	Designer Move	House	House	House	Last Holiday ** (2006, Comedy), LL Cool J		
27	27	27	YTV	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Ghost	Ghost	Mystery Hnt.	Mystery Hnt.	Adrenaline Proj	Adrenaline Proj	Mystery Hnt.

SUNDAY

	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
31	31	31	ABC	News (N)	ABC News	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Glyest Family"				Housewives
7	7	7	ASN	Kyle XY		Funniest Home Videos		2008 MuchMusic Video Awards				Housewives
11	11	11	CBC	MLB Baseball	Just-Gags	How Do You Solve-Maria		Troy *** (2004, Adventure) Brad Pitt, Orlando Bloom				(11:10) Troy
32	32	32	CBS	PGA Tour Golf	News (N)	60 Minutes		Million Dollar Passport		Cold Case (HDTV)		NUMB3RS
6	6	6	CHIF	renegadePress	"Til Death	NUMB3RS (HDTV)		The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)
9	9	9	CJCH	Instant Star	The Hills	Cold Case (HDTV)		Million Dollar Passport		Mad Men "5G"		News (N)
36	36	36	FOX	Cold Case "8:03 AM"		"Til Death	"Til Death	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	Fox First
12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	U.S. Olympic Trials Track & Field: Swimming				Dateline NBC (N)		
55	55	55	SCOR	Score Update	Cabby Unlimit	The WWE Experience		BodogFight		Hardcore Champ. Fight		Poker
53	53	53	TSN	SportsCentre		ESPN's Nomination Special		Boxing (HDTV)				SportsCentre
16	16	16	A&E	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons Family Jewels		Two Coreys
70	70	70	APTN	Medicine Wmn	Tears	Warriors: TKO	Rez Rides	MYTV	renegadePress	Volcano ** (1997, Action), Anne Heche		
37	37	37	BRVO	Curveball: W.P. Kinsella		Arts & Minds	Bravo! Fact	Cooperman Howard Engel		The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen		
49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Winnipeg Comedy Festival		Laughs	Rick Mercer	The Simpsons	South Park	Comedy Net
18	18	18	CNN	Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)		Newsroom		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom
38	38	38	DISC	MythBusters		Newsweek: Australia		Dust to Glory ** (2005, Documentary)		Mario Andretti		MythBusters
34	34	34	HGTV	Flipping Out		House Hunters	House Hunters	Property Virgin	Buy Me	Extreme Makeover: Home		Holmes-Homes
46	46	46	HIST	Metropolis "Alexandria"		NCIS "High Seas"		Crusaders' Lost Fort		Kingdom of Heaven *** (2005)		
17	17	17	MM	America's Best Dance Crew		So You Think You Can Dance The Top 14				So You Think You Can Dance		
206	206	206	PIX	Conversation (7:45) The Man With the Golden Gun ** (1974, Action), Britt Ekland						The Fifth Element (1997, Science Fiction)		
39	39	39	SHOW	Miss Con. 2	Billable Hours	Anna's Storm (2007, Action) Sherree Wilson		End of Leash	Newlywed	Trailer Park	Rent-A-Goale	Miss Con. 2
40	40	40	SLICE	In Laws	Last 10	X-Weighted "Maggie & Liz"		What Not to Wear		Spoiled Rotten	In Laws	Biggest Loser
21	21	21	TLC	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		The Singing Office (N)		Singing Office
22	22	22	W	Last Holiday	Hwd 10 Best	Shopping Bags	Style by Jury	Cover Story (2002, Suspense) Elizabeth Berkley		Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Good Naked
27	27	27	YTV	Looney Tunes: Back in Action ** (2003, Comedy)				Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Falcon Beach		Falcon Beach



Shave wet or dry with new Eos Ultra Moisturizing shaving cream, left, \$4.99. This non-foaming cream formula contains aloe, oat and shea butter and comes packaged in an ergonomic bottle made of soft-touch plastic that is easy to recycle and won't leave a rust ring in the shower. Exclusively available at Shopper's Drug Mart. **METRO NEWS SERVICE**

Style

Beach wear that will flatter

Style File

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ask kim

I'm looking to buy a new swimsuit but I am a little bit hippy — what type of cut should I be looking for?

Cuts are important for finding the right swimsuit for your body but also consider colours and patterns. Swimco suggests that if you're a bit hippy then you should look out for a printed top and solid bottom. Flattering leg cuts like skirted bottoms and boardshorts can help too.

E-mail your style questions to kim.elbo@metronews.ca.

Vancouver's Kim Elbo has a passion for fashion. Here she shares the latest style tips.



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swimsuits

Full-piece swimsuits can still look as sexy as a two-piece bikini. This summer try a one-piece on for the beach. There are a variety of modern styles and cuts that can even be more flattering than wearing the typical two-piece. If patterns aren't your thing than colour-blocked suits are your best bet, they're classic and attention getting. Here's a little tanning tip, if you're worried about a strap tan then buy a halter suit this way you can easily untie the straps and fold them over for maximum sun exposure.

tip

Like to sit pool side? Chlorine can break down the fibers in swimsuits and make the colour fade faster so try looking for a swimsuit that is made out of polyester — the only swimsuit fabric that can withstand chlorine.

accessory

Have a little sunburn emergency on the beach? Call out for Clarins SOS Sunburn Soother. This will help cool down the burn and nourish the skin. Available at all major department stores.



beach hats

Sometimes sunscreen just isn't enough. Protect yourself from the sun and unwanted wrinkles with a hat that's perfect for the beach and also great for the streets. Look for hats that have a big enough brim to cover your neck and your delicate décolleté. Help keep cool with a breathable hat, straw hats with a loose weave can help with this. If you're out traveling this summer then a pliable hat you can fold into quarters would be perfect for packing.

Style in brief

DESIGNERS. Italian fashion house Romeo Gigli is taking on aspiring African designers to create a menswear collection as part of a project aimed at adding an international influence to its clothes.

Six young designers from Ghana, Senegal and Kenya will join the Romeo Gigli creative team later this year to work on a 2009/2010 autumn/winter collection of 25-30 pieces, which will be called "Romeo Gigli Lab".

REUTERS

TELEVISION. TV Land is renewing its fashion reality series *She's Got the Look* for a second season.

The show, in which aspiring fashion models age 35 and older compete for a contract, will be expanded from six episodes to eight for the sophomore run. Look is expected to return next year.

The first season of *Look* has been averaging 633,000 total viewers, an increase of 17 per cent over the cable channel's total day average.

REUTERS

Find out what Audrey would do

Timeless flair from icon's style book

Audrey Hepburn is the anti Britney. Brit should pick up a copy of *What Would Audrey Do?: Timeless Lessons for Living with Grace and Style* by Pamela Keogh, author of *Audrey Style*, *Jackie Style* and *Elvis Presley: The Man, The Life, The Legend*.

Audrey Style took 10 years of research, interviewing relatives and Rob Wolders, Hepburn's partner till she died in 1993 at 63 of cancer.

This is Audrey Lite, a self-help Audrey Primer like *Miss Manners*.

"Audrey Style, Jackie Style and Elvis were big, serious bios," says Keogh over the phone from New York. "This is looser, rowdier and fun. What could we learn from A.H.?"

To wear undergarments, for one.

That it coincided with the meltdowns of the Lohans, Richies and Hiltons was fortuitous but coincidental. "This took so long, I was writing it way before they all blew."

I was smitten with A.H., as are people of all demographics. She is an icon to girls and grandparents.

"The young girls know her movies. They don't know World War II," Keogh says. "They see her on-screen and she seems like a nice person. She is childish and grown-up at the same time. Her honesty, beauty, vulnerability and genuine guilelessness are appealing."

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Pamela Keogh, author

stated, pre-Sex and the City, she'd "rather have more closets than a swimming pool."

She travelled with 52 suitcases.

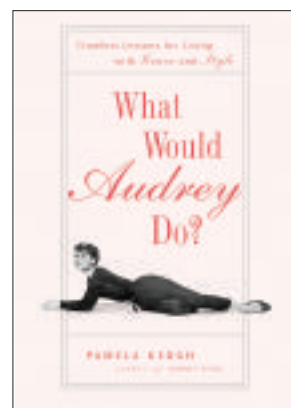
"That was when she was in her career prime," Keogh specifies. "At UNICEF, she travelled with two suitcases — one for Rob Wolders — with jeans and polo shirts."

She was a stick figure — size two and a 20-inch waist — but "she made non-sexy, sexy."

"It was her intelligence that was sexy. There was a depth to her, and sophistication," says Keogh. "She'd look at a guy and he'd fall over."

A.H. didn't think she was beautiful. She thought her upper arms too thin

A.H. is also a style icon: white shirt, LBD, ballet flats, oversized glasses and black capri pants. She was the muse for 30 years of Hubert Givenchy. An unrepentant clothes horse, A.H.



What Would Audrey Do? by Pamela Keogh, \$24.50.

and feet (size 10) too big.

She was born in Brussels in 1929. Her mother, a Dutch baroness, wasn't exactly a morale booster: "Considering that you have no talent, it's really extraordinary where you've got."

"That was a 'wow,'" Keogh admits. "Audrey said, 'My mother didn't mean anything,' but it was a double-edged sword. I didn't want people to think she is a princess and was perfect. No matter what the challenge she went through, she kept up to give other women a bit of confidence and hang in there."

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Steve Earle live

New York-born singer-songwriter Steve Earle is playing at St. Matthew's United Church on Tuesday, Aug. 5. Performing with the musician will be his wife, Allison Moor. Tickets are \$49.50 and are available at www.ticketpro.ca or by calling 1-888-311-9090. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Touch of magical whimsy

More than 700 pieces of folk art from Nova Scotia adorn exhibit

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It looks like a simple grey bird – made out of a few carved pieces of wood – but Laurie Hamilton assures you it's a Canada goose.

"It is quite magical art because it is a quite personalized view the artist had about the world," said the co-curator of the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia's new exhibit of folk art.

"It is whimsical, and people can't help but smile when they see these objects," she said about the works of display in Show Of Hands: Folk Art Of Nova Scotia. "There is a lot of humour and self deprecating."

Hamilton said the gallery has more than 700 pieces of folk art in its permanent collection, but only a few pieces have been on display over the last six years.

"The gallery is noted for its collection," Hamilton said. "I think one of reason people come to the gallery from away is because they expect to see folk art — and now they can."

She, along with former collections manager Judy Dietz, decided to co-curate the show, which fills an upper floor of the gallery.



Above, Charlie Tanner's Square Dance is among the work on display at the Art gallery of Nova Scotia's folk art exhibit. Right, Collins Eisenhauer's Mountie and Ralph Boutilier's German shepherd stand guard at the art gallery's folk art exhibit.

show details

WHAT: Show Of Hands: Folk Art Of Nova Scotia

WHERE: Art Gallery of Nova Scotia

WHEN: Through Nov. 16

"The idea is that when you come off the elevator you are in the outer realm of someone's home where a marsh might be in the far distance," she said. "Then you are lead into the backyard where often these folk artists would exhibit their works."

Many of those folk artists, Hamilton said, started their careers late in life. Usually, it was only in their 60s — after retire-

ment — when they wanted to keep working with their hands.

One of the artists is Collins Eisenhauer, who lived in Scarsdale, Lunenburg Co., and died in 1976.

His works are among the most iconic, and include self-portraits and a Mountie made of wood.

"He is known for his life-size figures, but also his miniature size works, many of which are kind of erotic in nature," she said pointing to a work featuring two dogs dancing. "If you take a close look you see they are anatomically correct."

"Collins' wife would say 'Oh, those are dirty.'"



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Scarlett, Lavigne playing show

MUSIC. Juno- and Much Music Video Award-nominated band illScarlett will be the special guest at Avril Lavigne's Aug. 10 concert at the Halifax Metro Centre. The Mississauga-based group replaces Boys Like Girls, the original opening act. Tickets are \$57 and \$62. Call 451-1221 or visit www.ticketatlantic.com.

N.S. native in Idol Top 16

MUSIC. Port Hood, N.S., native Mitch MacDonald is still singing his heart out on Canadian Idol.



Mitch MacDonald

The carpenter made it into the Top 16 of the popular TV series after surviving Wednesday night's elimination round. MacDonald is the sole Maritimer left in the competition.

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After a 44-date North American tour, local group Ghost Bees have returned to the region. The band was touring to support its new album, Tasseomancy. Ghost Bees will play the Marquee Club on Thursday, July 31. **METRO HALIFAX**

What a long, strange trip it's been for Poltz

Nova Scotia-born musician keeps humour by his side

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It all took place; the move from Nova Scotia to California, trick or treating at Liberace's house, and meeting Elvis Presley.

"Everything happened the way it is in the lyrics," said Steve Poltz, who sings about his life experiences — so far — in his song A Brief History Of My Life.

Along with his brushes with fame, the Nova Scotia-born Poltz sings about swearing American citizenship and his first communion.

"I had a complete freak-out, because they told us we were going to eat Jesus' body and I really

"I find humour in dark things, and it is all about laughing at myself. I store things inside my head, but I should write things down."

Steve Poltz

wanted his leg. I really thought there was going to be this corpse up there and we were going to be eating from it," he adds. "My mom had to explain it to me."

It is among a collection of funny and humorous songs Poltz has included on his latest release, Traveling. As you have probably guessed, nothing is sacred to the songwriter.

"It just came to me one morning, as songs do," he said about his bio-tune. "I

knew when the song came to me — because some come to you and it is like a gift — that this was going to be a great song to play live."

It will likely be among the material the songwriter — he penned Jewel's You Were Meant For Me — will perform during his three nights at The Carleton Restaurant starting Monday.

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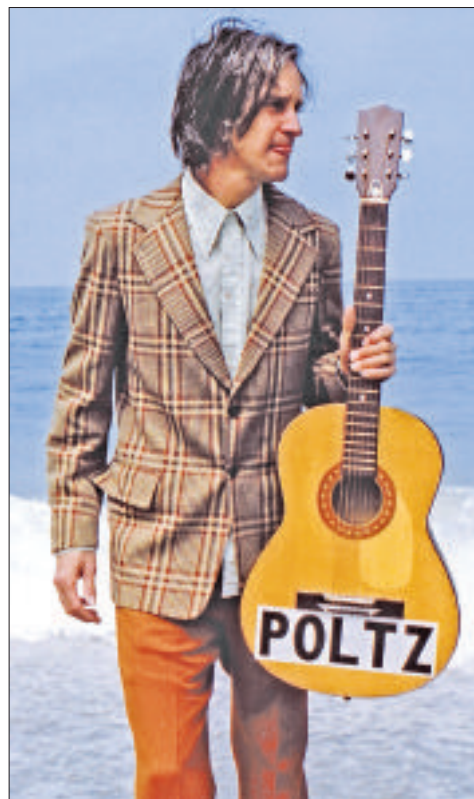
see him live

WHAT: Steve Poltz
WHERE: The Carleton Restaurant
WHEN: Monday through Wednesday
TICKETS: \$20. Available at the door

my head, but I should write things down."

Poltz is the first to admit he loves to talk on stage, and his shows are none for their stories as much as the music. He is trying out a new bit these days. It is called Lately I've Been Lying.

"For some reason, I've been lying, and I just don't get it," he laughed. "If I am not talking, it is not a full show."



Former Nova Scotian Steve Poltz performs at The Carleton Restaurant for three nights starting Monday.

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Buzz lingers from Tiesto show

The Cunard Centre was jam-packed with fans on Wednesday night as international superstar DJ Tiesto made his first appearance in Atlantic Canada, and the buzz from his show is still going strong. Local DJs Tony Haze, Z103.5's DJ No Luv and Steve Nurse opened up his stage and made their hometown proud with their live spinning.

NoLuv was practically speechless, explaining the

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experience as "off the charts". One avid concert-goer described the light show and overall visual aspects of the concert as some of the best he's ever seen. The crowd's energy was contagious, and their

love for the performers stayed strong for all four live DJ acts.

The live music excitement in Hali shows no signs of letting up. Fresh off Tiesto rocking our city, Kardinal Offishall will be taking over Key Largo's in Lower Sackville on July 12. For \$19.99 at ticketpro.ca you can get your tickets for Kardinal with Solitar, Lindo and DJ Doc along with other special local guests. While you're surfing ticketpro.ca

don't forget to grab your tickets for Z103.5's Summer Rush 2008 — the hottest concert to hit Halifax this year. It's on July 19 and the lineup includes headliner and hip-hop icon Nelly, Classified, Jesse McCartney, Cascada, C + C Music Factory, Kreesha Turner, Enur, Elise Estrada, Chad Hatcher, Lady Gaga, SNAP!, DJ Danny D, DJ NoLuv, DJ Atmosphere and The Jaba-weekee from America's Best Dance Crew!



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vory on Friday, 10 p.m. DJ Doug Phresh on Saturday, 10 p.m. 5287 Prince St.
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THE DOME: DJ Doug Phresh on Friday. World dance party on Saturday. 1663 Argyle St.
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nacle on Friday and Saturday. 1919 Upper Water St.
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THE JOLLY MUG: Frank Lowe and SideKIXX Sunday. 15 Lakeland Rd.
KEY LARGO'S: DJ IV on Friday. 70 First Lake Dr.
LION'S HEAD TAVERN: Laurie the Guy on Friday and Saturday. 5833 Sullivan St.
LOWER DECK: Signal Hill on Friday through Sunday. Paul Lamb and Cory Tetford matinee on Friday and Saturday. McGinty on Monday through Thursday. Historic Properties.

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NENAGH BAR: Gord Kennedy on Saturday. 30 Farnham Gate.

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REFLECTIONS: Jay Hamilton and Dr. J. on Friday. DJ HedFones on Saturday. Pop night on Sunday. 5184 Sackville St.

RODEO LOUNGE: Montana on Friday and Saturday. 121 Ilsley Ave.

THE SEAHORSE: Music Nova Scotia night with Andrew Sisk on Tuesday. 1659 Argyle St.

THE SHORE CLUB: Forty Fingers on Saturday. 250 Shore Club Rd.

THE SPLIT CROW: McGinty on Friday and Saturday. Johnny Lostit matinee on Saturday. 1855 Granville St.

galleries

ANNA LEONOWENS: Various artists on display. 5163 Duke St.

ARGYLE FINE ART: Southern Exposure, a series of works by local artist Sara Caracristi. Through July 7. 1869 Upper Water St.

ART-PORT GALLERY: Works by 12 local artists. Robert Stanfield International Airport.

CORRIDOR GALLERY: Portraits And The Sea. 1113 Marginal Rd.

CRAIG GALLERY: Works by Wilma Butts. Through July 4. Alderney Landing.

DALHOUSIE ART GALLERY: Exalted Beings: Animal Relationships. Aug. 22 through Oct. 5. 6101 University Ave.

FRED GALLERY: Lynda Shalagan's Fragile Beauties. Through July 20. 2606 Agricola St.

HYDROSTONE GALLERY: Michael Lewis: Holidays in the Sun. Through July 6. 5519 Young St.

THE KHYBER: Works by various artists. 1588 Barrington St.

MOUNT ST. VINCENT ART GALLERY: Works by Kyla Mallett. Through Aug. 10. 166 Bedford Hwy.

PAINTER'S PALETTE: Works by local painters. Dresden Row Market.

THE PEDWAY PICTURE GALLERY: Showing The Artists Of Creative Spirit East. Alderney Landing, Dartmouth.

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Toronto duo Little Foot Long Foot performs with Carmen Townsend and My Shaky Jane at The Seahorse Tavern this Saturday night.

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SECORD GALLERY: Works by various artists. 6301 Quinpool Rd.

SEEDS GALLERY: Works by various artists. 1892 Hollis St.

STUDIO 21: New sculptures and paintings by Wojtek Bicysko and Jerzy Kolacz. Through July 16. 1223 Lower Water St.

VIEWPOINT GALLERY: Remnants, works by Sandy Caines. Through Aug. 3. 1272 Barrington St.

ZWICKER'S GALLERY: Works by various regional artists. 5415 Doyle St. 1593 Barrington St.

MARITIME MUSEUM OF THE ATLANTIC: Halifax vs. Louisbourg: The Final Siege. Through Sept. 1675 Lower Water St.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY: Green Legacy and Monarchs. Through Sept. 28. 1747 Summer St.

PIER 21: Various exhibits. 1055 Marginal Rd.



The Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo marches out of the Halifax Metro Centre on Tuesday. For more information on the shows and acts, visit www.nstatattoo.ca.

face presents the Even Better Than The Last Show. Studio Theatre. Through Saturday. Call 429-7070.

THEATRE ARTS GUILD: The Foursome by Norm Foster. Through July 12. Visit www.tagtheatre.com. 6 Parkhill Rd.

Machine, King Ruckus, Broken Ohms, Halcyon, Badseed Overdrive, and Janus on Friday, 6 p.m. 2203 Gottingen St.

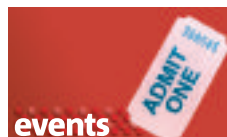
CASINO NOVA SCOTIA: Naturally 7 on Friday. Harlequin on July 18 and 19. For tickets call 451-1221.

DALHOUSIE ARTS CENTRE: Halifax Summer Opera Workshop presents The Consul on July 25, 28, 31 and Aug. 2. Call 494-3820. 6101 University Ave.

THE MUSIC ROOM: Rich Aucoin and I See Rowboats on Friday, 8 p.m. 6181 Lady Hammond Rd.

PIER 21: Battle of the Atlantic musical performance on Friday, 6:30 p.m. 1055 Marginal Rd.

PUBLIC GARDENS: Summer concert series each Sunday, 1 p.m. Through Sept. 14. South Park St. and Spring Garden Rd.



theatre

GRAFTON ST DINNER THEATRE: Mairi's Best Friend's Wedding. Through Oct. 5. Call 425-1961 for reservations.

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NEPTUNE THEATRE: Picnic

events

ALDERNEY LANDING THEATRE: Mother Goose Festival on July 19. www.alderneylanding.com

BELLA ROSE ARTS CENTRE: Drum! Sept. 12 through Oct. 12. Visit www.bellaroseartscentre.com.

BUS STOP THEATRE: Rock of Independence, Surefire



Local band Mardeen launches its new CD at The Seahorse Tavern Tonight with special guest Smothered In Hugs. The show starts at 10 p.m. and tickets are \$8 at the door.

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Keen on challenge

Actor Pierce Brosnan, right, wants to star in a musical about Bruce Springsteen, should one ever be made about the rock star. Brosnan is reportedly keen to take on the challenge of performing Springsteen's most famous tracks. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**



Mansion may honour Lee

Property that once belonged to Kung Fu legend could become museum

A mansion that once belonged to Kung Fu legend Bruce Lee in Hong Kong may be preserved as a museum, giving belated recognition to one of the city's most famous sons, a newspaper reported yesterday.

Billionaire philanthropist tycoon Yu Panglin had put Lee's two-storey, 5,699-square-foot townhouse in an upscale leafy Kowloon suburb up for sale but later changed his mind, according to Hong Kong's South China Morning Post.

"I will consider the views of the community and different parties. I may consider donating the property if the majority thinks we should preserve it," Yu said in the report, adding he had turned down an offer of \$13 million US.

Lee, who died in mysterious circumstances in 1973 at age 32, starred in such Kung Fu classics as *Fist Of Fury*, *Game Of Death* and *Enter The Dragon*.



An exterior view of a motel is shown at Hong Kong's Kowloon Tong district, which is the old home of the late Hong Kong martial arts star Bruce Lee. The luxury mansion belonging to Lee may be preserved as a museum, giving belated recognition to one of the city's most famous sons.

He is revered both by martial arts adherents and movie buffs the world over for popularizing the Kung Fu cinematic genre, and helping usher in a golden age of Hong Kong film in

the late 1960s.

Despite intense lobbying by fans, Hong Kong has done little to preserve the U.S.-born star's legacy in his adopted city beyond erecting a statue along the

city's famous waterfront.

"That would be fantastic news because fans and the community wouldn't have the money to buy out this property," Michael Tien, a member of Hong Kong's

"I will consider the views of the community and different parties. I may consider donating the property if the majority thinks we should preserve it."

Yu Panglin

Bruce Lee fanclub, was quoted as saying.

The government said it would consider the possibility of converting Lee's spacious home into a museum, taking as a model other memorial sites to global stars, including the Beatles Story in Liverpool and Elvis Presley's Graceland mansion in Tennessee.

"We think the community would like to see a creative solution that would involve the private sector," a Hong Kong tourism official was quoted in the paper as saying. **REUTERS**

Honours pour in for guitarist

LONDON. Fellow musicians have paid tribute to Mel Galley, former guitarist in British hard rock band Whitesnake who died of cancer this week aged 60.

Galley also played in Trapeze.

"He took my hand as a boy and walked me through my earliest chapters as a young musician," Glenn Hughes, a singer and bass guitarist with Trapeze, said on his website.

"He alone is responsible for my career as a working musician/singer-songwriter," added Hughes, who went on to play with Deep Purple.

Whitesnake front man David Coverdale also said he "treasures the memory of knowing him and working together with him," according to the BBC.

Galley played with Whitesnake between 1982 and 1984, when he had to leave the band after hurting his arm in an accident.

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Actress **Brittany Snow** claims she struggles to be taken seriously. The former child star says she enjoys the challenge of trying to get people to appreciate her as an actress by taking on more diverse roles.

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Bob Dylan's lover, muse tells her story

FEATURE It's not easy living with having been the muse and lover of any great artist, let alone someone with demigod status like Bob Dylan.

But that's the baggage that Suze Rotolo, who lived with Dylan in the 1960s and was a major influence in his early work, has been carrying for nearly half a century.

Now she has broken her silence with a book, *A Free-wheelin' Time — A Memoir of Greenwich Village in the Sixties*, published by Broadway Books, an imprint of Doubleday.

"He's the elephant in the room of my life," said Rotolo, now 64, as she discussed her book and her life over iced tea in a restaurant near the Greenwich Village loft where she lives with her family.

"I'm glad I came out," said Rotolo, a soft-spoken woman with an easy smile who works as a visu-

"It felt good to tell these stories, to tell stories that my son can read, and so people of other generations can know what that period was like."

Suze Rotolo, former lover of Bob Dylan

al artist. She unwittingly became an icon of the Sixties in 1963 when Columbia records chose a picture of her walking arm-in-arm with Dylan on a snowy Greenwich Village street for the cover of his groundbreaking second album, *The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan*.

A nearly identical picture from the same publicity shoot graces the cover of her nearly 400-page memoir.

It tells the story of a shy young Italian-American girl from Queens who moved across the East River to Greenwich Village to find herself, and got caught up in the whirlwind of the early 1960s folk music scene and civil rights movement.

"It felt good to tell these stories, to tell stories that my son can read, and so people of other generations can know what that period was like. What I wanted to show is that we were all human, young, had fun and produced something."

She met Dylan, who had moved to New York from Minnesota, at a concert in 1961 when she was 17 and he was 20. The two fell in love and became inseparable in the years during his transformation from folk singer to spokesman for a generation.

The book describes the creative crucible that

Greenwich Village was at the time, with its music clubs and cafes serving as magnets for artists, musicians and poets seeking to breathe in a heady new air after the socially suffocating 1950s.

A very private person herself, she still respects Dylan's privacy and the memoir is not by any means a "tell all" book.

"I could have been nasty," she joked during the interview. "I could have evened scores. But why would I do that at my age?"

Rotolo's memoir is not just about her relationship with Dylan. It is an entertaining roadmap of how Greenwich Village was in the early 1960s, written by a privileged participant-observer. It includes personal photos, parts of letters she and Dylan exchanged and her own notebook entries and illustrations from the period.

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A new book details one woman's experience with Bob Dylan.

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Minogue receives 'incredible honour'

MUSIC Australian pop star Kylie Minogue, a former soap actress who went on to become one of the world's most famous recording artists, was honored by Britain for her services to music yesterday.

A beaming Minogue, who recently overcame breast cancer, was named an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) by Prince Charles during a ceremony at Buckingham Palace. It ranks just above the MBE, whose recipients included the Beatles.

"It is an incredible honour for me to receive this award. It makes me feel both humble and proud to be recognized for doing a job that I love so much," she said.

The diminutive 40-year-old singer became a household name in Britain in the 1980s after starring as Charlene in the Australian TV soap *Neighbours*.

She turned to music after leaving the popular show, releasing her first single *Locomotion* in 1987 and has continued to enjoy huge chart success with songs such as *Can't Get You Out Of My Head* and *Spinning Around*.

In 2005 she was diag-



Kylie Minogue

nosed with breast cancer but returned to performing after recovering from surgery and chemotherapy.

Earlier this year, Minogue received one of France's top cultural awards when she was made a Chevalier dans l'ordre des Arts et Lettres (Knight of Arts and Letters) for "the cultural pleasure she has given French people."

REUTERS



Stone needs brain scan, PETA says

PEOPLE Bosses at animal rights group People For The Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) are offering Sharon Stone a free brain scan — in an effort to improve her compassion, imdb.com reports.

PETA President Ingrid Newkirk has written to the movie star, suggesting her refusal to stop wearing fur and recent ill-advised comments she made about the Chinese earthquake could be symptoms of an underdeveloped brain.

After she was forced to apologise to China for suggesting the country's recent earthquake tragedy was "karma" for the way the nation treat Tibetans, PETA chiefs feel Stone may be ready to undergo medical tests. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Actress Lindsay Lohan's father Michael, left, is set to sell a story about his alleged lovechild if DNA test results prove he is the father of teenager Ashley Kaufmann. IMDB.COM

Brinkley in tears on witness stand

COURTS The second day of Christie Brinkley and architect Peter Cook's divorce trial has been another emotional one with high drama as the model took the witness stand yesterday, imdb.com reports.

After Cook broke down during a cross-examination by his lawyer in Long Island, New York on Wednesday, it was Brinkley's turn to fight tears on the stand.

The 54 year old told the court about the day she discovered her husband was cheating on her with a teenage assistant.

Brinkley recalled then-18-year-old Diana Bianchi's stepfather telling her the shocking news after she had delivered a high school commencement speech in June, 2006.

The model, who was once wed to rocker Billy Joel, admitted she knew immediately her husband was guilty.

Fighting back tears in court she said, "I thought, 'Oh my God, it's true. He did it...' It explained the feelings I was trying not to feel."

Brinkley recalled leaving

"I felt really stupid... I felt humiliated. I felt shattered. I just felt grief-stricken."

Christie Brinkley

Cook later that same day, admitting, "I drove away from my perfect life... I thought we were happy."

The model also revealed more about Cook's Internet porn passion, which had been discussed in court the previous day.

She revealed, "I found conversations of him trying to lure girls saying he would take them shopping, saying he would pay them if he could see their face."

"I felt really stupid... I felt humiliated. I felt shattered. I just felt grief-stricken."

But Cook was far from impressed with his estranged wife's emotional testimony, telling reporters during a break in proceedings, "Shrek was more believable than that."

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The second day of Christie Brinkley and architect Peter Cook's divorce trial has been another emotional one.



Jason Biggs is planning a proper wedding ceremony.

Biggs, bride to have a proper ceremony

WEDDING American Pie star Jason Biggs and his new bride are planning a proper ceremony in Napa Valley, California next month — after exchanging vows in a courthouse this spring, imdb.com reports.

The actor surprised family and friends when he wed actress Jenny Mollen in April, and now he's planning a proper celebration.

He tells America's In Touch magazine, "We're doing everything all screwy. We got married,

just the two of us, and then decided to do a second ceremony.

"We actually just bought some of the centrepieces from a flea market and there will be feathers and black chandeliers."

Meanwhile, Mollen, 29, insists the newlyweds won't be rushing to become parents, even though her husband would like to start a family immediately.

She tells the publication, "He wants kids now, but I need at least a year."

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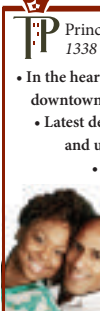


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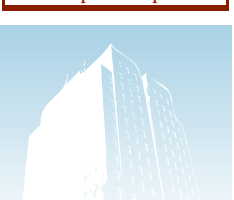
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Pop star Madonna, left, has reportedly refused to let her husband Guy Ritchie move to New York. Madonna is said to have turned down the director's plea to leave their London home and be with her in the United States, saying she still wants to end the marriage. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Celebrity Buzz

Boyfriend brightens Heather's life

MENTAL HEALTH Still receiving treatment for anxiety and depression at an Arizona facility, Heather Locklear's recent visit from her boyfriend Jack Wagner "really lifted her spirits," *People.com* reports a friend as saying.

Wagner — who hadn't seen Locklear since she left Los Angeles for the facility on June 19 — spent several hours with her last weekend, sources say. On Sunday, the two had lunch together in the facility's dining area.

"He looked like he was taking care of her," says an observer. "It was very sweet."

Dressed down in sweats and a T-shirt,

Locklear, 46, "looked exhausted," says the observer. "Even with no makeup she was beautiful, but she seemed tired, pale and very skinny."

Wagner, 48, chatted to Locklear, leaned in to kiss her on the forehead, and at one point during the otherwise quiet meal, says the observer, "He made her laugh."

Locklear checked herself in to the facility for an in-depth evaluation on the suggestion of a doctor. She had

been taking medication for anxiety and

depression since after her 2006 split with Richie Sambora, with whom she has a daughter,

10-year-old Ava. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Lily Allen may quit singing

CAREER Lily Allen has announced she may quit music, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

The 23-year-old singer revealed she will give up singing if her eagerly-anticipated second album, tentatively titled *Stuck on the Naughty Step*, is a flop. Allen recently put the finishing touches to the follow-up to 2006's *Alright, Still* — which spawned the U.K. No. 1 sin-

gle *Smile* — and fears she "got away with something" because of the huge success of her first album.

"I left school at 15," Allen said. "I'm not a genius songwriter. I don't think I'm really good at anything. I'm really scared about what people are going to say. ...If people hate it, then I'll just try something else."

Allen said that if she does quit singing she would like to work behind the scenes role in the music industry, adding to *Rolling Stone*

magazine: "I'd really like to do A+R at a record company."

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celebrity brief

Beckhams subject of new musical

THEATRE A musical based on the lives of Victoria and David Beckham is in production, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

The satirical play, entitled *MacBecks*, is set to open in January.

Long Road Productions, who are involved in the musical and have previously worked with Riverdance, say the production draws inspiration from Shakespeare.

The company's director, Ronan Smith, said: "We're very excited by the script — it's a wild comedy romp that borrows from Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, *King Lear*, *Romeo and Juliet*, as well as *Cyrano de Bergerac*."

According to reports, Victoria will be based on *Lady Macbeth* and be portrayed as a ruthless and ambitious woman who David sacrifices his career for.

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celebrity brief

Boy rumoured for Ashlee and Pete

EXPECTING Ashlee Simpson is reportedly expecting a baby boy, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

The singer — who married Fall Out Boy rocker Pete Wentz in May — has listed her baby requirements on a gift register at exclusive Los Angeles baby boutique *Petit Tresor*, and they seem to be for a boy. "Almost everything is blue," a source said.

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Holmes not a big ticket draw?

BROADWAY Looks like being married to actor Tom Cruise may not be doing anything for Katie Holmes' career, *perezhilton.com* reports.

According to new reports, Broadway insiders say that early signs reveal that there's no public interest in seeing Holmes as Ann Deever in *All My Sons*. Sources involved are reportedly beginning to fret that ticket sales aren't going to be as strong as hoped. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Amy sneaks out from daddy's watch

PARTYING Singer Amy Winehouse made a sneaky getaway from her protective father, Mitch, Tuesday for a night on the town with friends, the *New York Daily News* reports.

Despite her father's best attempts, the trouble began when Winehouse, 24, emerged from her house in the afternoon claiming she needed some air, according to *The Daily Mail*. Soon after, Amy ran to a friend's red convertible, jumped into the back seat and managed to escape.

During the next 20 minutes, Winehouse chatted with fans before eventually turning up at the Grand Union Pub in Camden. A reportedly furious Mitch eventually found her there and dragged her back home.

The Grammy Award winner's latest batch of mishaps began when she checked herself out of a London clinic on Sunday and partied with friends until 4:30 a.m.

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Timing key for love: Scarlett

RELATIONSHIPS Newly engaged Scarlett Johansson says falling in love has a lot to do with timing, *usmagazine.com* reports.

"You don't always meet the right person at the right time," she tells the August issue of *Cosmopolitan*. "It's important for people to figure out their own lives before involving someone else — to gauge where you are and work on your own issues."

Johansson also clarifies her 2006 comments in which she said that people aren't monogamous by nature.

"I don't think it's a natu-

ral instinct for human beings," she tells the magazine of monogamy.

She adds, "Monogamy can be hard work for some people. I don't think it applies to everybody, and I don't think a lot of people can do it."

But Johansson (who showed off her engagement rock from Reynolds in May) insists, "I believe in finding a soul mate. I've always been in monogamous relationships. I would never want to be in an open one. It'd be too awful."

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Naomi reportedly expecting again

FAMILY Naomi Watts is reportedly pregnant with her second child, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

The actress — who gave birth to first son, Alexander, last July — and partner Liev Schreiber are "thrilled" to be adding to their family and Watts is keen to take a break from acting so she can concentrate on motherhood.

A source said: "Naomi and her family are thrilled. She is not working on a movie right now and won't be working on

one for the next year, as she wants to devote some time to her family."

The *King Kong* star recently expressed her fears she had left it too late to have more children.

The 39-year-old said: "For so long, I thought, 'I can't have a baby now. I've got this to do, that to do. I've got to achieve that and this.' The truth is, this just happened so quickly, and you can still do it."

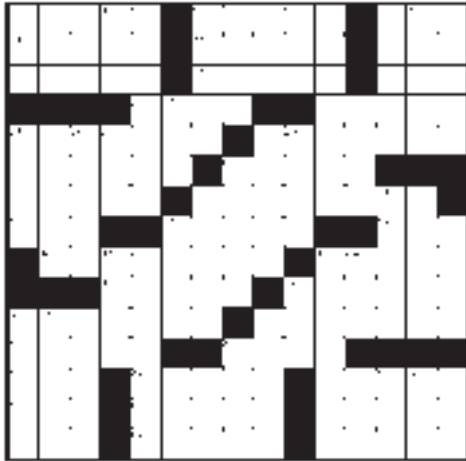
"Honestly, have a baby. It's the best. I left it too late. I'd love to have one more. I'd love to have two more. Or three!"

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Singers Mandy Moore and Ryan Adams have split. The couple has been dating since December, but Adams has now confirmed they are no longer together, blaming the breakup on the heavy media spotlight that followed the pair. **IMDB.COM**

Take Five



Crossword across

1 Says "yeth"
6 Asparagus tip
11 Former JFK arrival
14 Creamy color
15 Texas tourist site
16 — Maria (coffee liqueur)
17 Errata
18 Proportion
19 Switch positions
20 Tease
22 Root beer treat
24 Sounds like rain
28 Nat's daughter
30 Hot and humid
31 Humped beast
32 Wild guesses
33 Hiker's gear
36 Involuntary movement
37 Golfer's yells

38 Streetwise
40 In better spirits
43 Kind of ID
45 Elegance
46 Opinionated
47 Repeat
50 Titled woman
51 Hula-dance fetes
52 Long story
53 1040 org.
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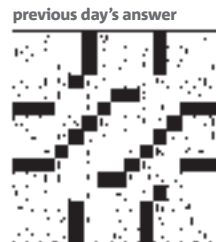
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3 Token amount
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6 Graceful wraps
7 — du jour
8 Hit the buffet
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12 Red Sea peninsula
13 Preference
21 Lopsided
23 Superboy's girlfriend
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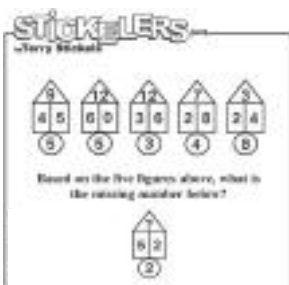
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—Bernhard Russell

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A man makes changes to a production. The universe is unfolding as it should. Confusion about a friendship is exhausting.

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APRIL 21-MAY 21

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GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

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CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

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LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

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AUG 24-SEPT 22

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SEPT 23-OCT 23

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OCT 24-NOV 22

A back problem requires professional aid. A foolish friend will make a big mistake. There's a spot of trouble in store.

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NOV 23-DEC 21

Avoid standing still when obligations arise. Fancy words will fail to move hearts. You'll be bored with other people's issues.

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Under 13 Genius
13-17 Scholar
17-21 Smart

21-25 Not bad
25+ Keep practicing

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\$13,595 Starting Price*

-\$3,600 Cash Purchase Adjustment

\$9,995*

Cash Purchase Price

- Dual front airbags • 8-way adjustable driver's seat • Rear adjustable head restraints
- AM/FM/CD/MP3 stereo • 60/40 split fold-down rear seat



GL Sport model shown

2008 Elantra L



Limited model shown

\$15,845 Starting Price*
-\$2,850 Cash Purchase Adjustment

\$12,995*

Cash Purchase Price



USE LESS & SAVE

GO **883 KM ON ONE TANK***

HWY **6.0L/100KM • 47 MPG***
CITY **8.4L/100KM • 34 MPG***

*Approximate distance based on highway mileage.

2008 Tiburon GS



GTP model shown

\$18,995 Starting Price*
-\$3,000 Cash Purchase Adjustment

\$15,995*

Cash Purchase Price



USE LESS & SAVE

GO **775 KM ON ONE TANK***

HWY **7.1L/100KM • 40 MPG***
CITY **10.2L/100KM • 28 MPG***

*Approximate distance based on highway mileage.

2008 Tucson L



Limited 4WD model shown

\$21,195 Starting Price*
-\$4,200 Cash Purchase Adjustment

\$16,995*

Cash Purchase Price



USE LESS & SAVE

GO **744 KM ON ONE TANK***

HWY **7.8L/100KM • 36 MPG***
CITY **10.4L/100KM • 27 MPG***

*Approximate distance based on highway mileage.



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